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Council vows to slow down speeding traffic

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city council vowed Monday night to do something about excessive traffic speed in the city, whether it be by installing speed humps or more stop signs. Council members even raised the possibility of hiring an additional police officer to concentrate solely on traffic.

The discussion was prompted by a staff report delivered by community development manager Patrick O'Keeffe on the possible use of speed humps in slowing down vehicular traffic on four of El Cerrito's streets: Rifle Range Road, 56th Street, Blake Street and Poinsett Street. That report in turn was prompted by feedback from citizens who believe fast cars are creating dangerous situations in their neighborhoods.

Speed humps are not the same as speed bumps, which are often found in parking lots and can be much more jarring when crossed at excessive speed, occasionally even damaging cars. Also known as undulations, the humps are considered safer for use on city streets; they are easier on the vehicle and those inside it, O'Keeffe said.

Young people love to gun it on Ashbury.'

—MARSHALL SCHUMACHER

According to O'Keeffe, studies show the undulations can reduce speeds by 10 to 25 percent.

They are extensively used in the city of Berkeley.

"I have no problems with them," said Mayor Norman La Force, after Councilmember Mae Mackenzie said she tends to avoid Berkeley streets cluttered with the humps. "I (deliberately) travel on streets like Milvia. It's great, because they make me slow down. That's what they're there for."

O'Keeffe told the council that staff has been studying the use of humps in other communities, as well as other information, such as data issued by the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He said Richmond uses the humps, and Berkeley is moving toward an even more active use. Albany is considering them, he said; the staff also studied the city of Pasadena, which uses them extensively.

"There is growing interest in the use of speed humps," he said, asking the council if it wanted to pursue this as one of many tools you have to control traffic."

One of the issues O'Keeffe raised, however, was another dimension of the discussion. Humps are only appropriate, he said, on nonarterial streets, those that are two-lane, have a

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Albany City Council orders cable TV rate rollback

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Thousands of cable television subscribers may share a \$36,000 windfall if a gamble taken by the City Council Monday night pays off.

Council members voted unanimously after a brief public hearing to order Century Cable to issue refunds based on a finding by consultants that the cable provider has been overcharging subscribers. Council members Elizabeth Baker and Thelma Rubin were absent.

The city has the authority to act as regulator of cable service and fees. As part of that duty the city reviews rates annually.

Bill Jones, director of recreation and community services, said consultants, Communications Support Group, Inc. (CSG), believe rates charged for basic and a la carte service over the past 12 months do not meet Federal Communication Commission guidelines.

Jones, however, refrained from recommending action against Century, because while the city has the authority to order refunds and new rates, Century has the option of appealing the action to the FCC.

"It should be expected Century would appeal to the FCC. There's probably about a 50-50 chance the FCC would go along with the city and roughly \$1,000 in costs if the city goes through the appeal," Jones noted.

Councilmember Robert Good said he's willing to take the chance. "We risk losing \$1,000 and risk gaining \$36,000. It seems like a good gamble," he said.

Whether or not the FCC will rule in the city's favor is a difficult outcome to predict.

The crux of the debate centers on whether or not Century's a la carte tier service (Century Select) should be regulated under FCC guidelines. CSG's report finds that "Century neglected to include the three Century Select channels in their regulated tiers."

CSG contends that the service should be regulated and that rates charged should be reduced \$5.53 per

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Head over heels



The long awaited appearance of weekend sunshine on Memorial Park in Albany had Lila Brown, 9, turning backflips Sunday while Mackenzie Miller looks on.

Citizens sue over cardroom

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Alleging that city officials and developers of the proposed cardroom at Golden Gate Fields are acting to circumvent state-level environmental laws, a citizens action group has filed a lawsuit to derail the project.

Albany officials were served last Thursday with a complaint against both the city and Ladbroke Racing Corporation, which received voter approval in November to expand its gambling operation with a 24-hour cardroom.

David Arkin, president the citizens' action group, says the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by refusing to order a preliminary environmental review of the cardroom before voter approval.

"CEQA guidelines are really about information and the right to debate. By putting the measure on the ballot without that information, the whole review process was skirted," Arkin said Tuesday.

While municipalities are not legally bound to order environmental reviews on developments which go before the electorate for approval by citizen mandate, Robert Outis, counsel for the Citizens' for Responsible Government, said the existing legal precedents do not apply.

"According to local law, Measure C, voter approval was supposed to be the last step in the process of negotiating a development agreement," said Outis.

In this case, said Outis, the project

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Newsline

Library hours set

ALBANY — City Council approved a contract amendment with Alameda County Library Monday night to add four hours of minimal service to the Albany Library effective Feb. 28. Additional hours will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Poetry at EC High

EL CERRITO — "Poetry Reading Night" will be presented by El Cerrito High School students tonight, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Theater on the El Cerrito High School campus on Ashbury Avenue. Proceeds from the event will fund a school poetry club and the "Wall" project. Cost of admission is \$3.

Building standards OK'd

ALBANY — City Council approved new standards for buildings with unreinforced masonry Monday night, paving the way for the city to begin on buildings deemed unsafe. There are 10 unreinforced buildings with unreinforced masonry and another 33 buildings to demonstrate status.

EC redevelopment program workplan in the works

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A year ago, the future of redevelopment was uncertain; though the Redevelopment Agency continued to work with developers, no active financial assistance was possible.

With the Redevelopment Amendment Plan passed by voters in November and the broad-based Five Year Implementation Plan approved by the Redevelopment Agency board in December, the city is now looking to a variety of projects and programs for development.

The city council/redevelopment agency board held a study session Monday night to consider a proposed Redevelopment Agency Work Program.

General support for the program was expressed. Planning activities for El Cerrito Plaza were among the specific ideas that generated some enthusiasm and discussion.

Even if bonds are not immediately issued, said redevelopment agency manager Gerry Raycraft, the city will have some tax increment available to finance high priority short-term or mid-term projects.

According to Raycraft, there is approximately \$169,000 available for short range activities over the next three years: \$47,300 in 1994-95 and \$122,081 in 1995-96. None will be available in 1996-97 because of debt service payment fluctuations.

Planning activities for El Cerrito

Plaza suggested by the Redevelopment Advisory Committee could utilize about \$100,000 of those funds, he said.

Cost estimates are: \$25,000 for a market feasibility study, \$40,000 for a pedestrian and landscaping plan, \$20,000 for a streetscape plan for Fairmount

and San Pablo Avenue, \$5,000 for a Cerrito Creek preliminary plan, and \$10,000 for signage and storefront improvement guidelines.

Several council members expressed their support for the market feasibility study and planning for Cerrito Creek.

Mayor Norman La Force said the mayor of Albany recently approached him with interest in working together on the creek's future.

Councilmember Jane Bartke pointed out that the Albany Unified School District has plans for building a school at the site. She suggested moving up creek planning activities.

La Force agrees with Plaza planning activities but is anxious to determine the interest of the three owners of the shopping center, Long's Drugs, Carter Hawley Hale (the Emporium's parent company), and a private owner, to be certain activity the city undertakes is worth the effort it will involve.

He agreed that a market feasibility study would be useful but would like to see Plaza owners "willing to kick in some money" to help finance it.

Council member Norma Jellison

Prioritizing projects

The agency has prioritized a work program for redevelopment projects. For the most part, said Raycraft, short term projects on the list require little or no new financial input from the agency.

Short-term activities are those to be pursued in 1995 and 1996.

Five activities are currently being considered for the next two years.

In Target Area 3, the Pacific Development Group plans to construct 65,000 square feet of retail on the area north of FoodCo. Negotiations on a sales price for land now owned by the redevelopment agency, are underway.

Development of a transit village at the El Cerrito Plaza BART station is the second project, calling for 160 to 180 apartments, 6,000 square feet of retail and a parking structure for about 740 vehicles.

BART is negotiating with a company for development of a mixed-use project at the Del Norte station. The developer has gone to both the planning commission and the design review board with preliminary plans, though formal application has not been made.

The Mayfair site is the fourth area that could become a short-term project. The city recently received two proposals for the property: construction of a multi-plex theatre and development of another mixed-use project similar to Del Norte Place.

Planning activities for El Cerrito Plaza are the fifth area of short-term activity recommended. Preliminary discussions with the three owners of the Plaza indicates interest in completing a master plan for the center and San Pablo and Fairmount avenues, which border it.

Remembering When

By William Paul

Learning tactics of a different kind

It takes a lot of effort "Remembering When" the calendar on the wall at grammar school read 1917, but let's take a shot at it.

One of the major subjects they tried to drill into us back then was geography. The wall behind the teacher's desk supported a goodly supply of maps that could be pulled down, pointed to, and studied. And they frequently were — maps of California, maps of the United States and of the other continents. Our geography textbooks had maps of countries and told a lot about the people who lived in them.

I vaguely recall being astonished to learn that Eskimos, who lived way up near the top of the maps, had a choice of warming their hands by holding them near a candle, or eating the candle and letting the fat keep them warm.

I don't know what Eskimo candles were made of in those days, but I learned other bits of information about far-away places that came in handy for parlor games — like the names of rivers that began with seldom-used letters, for instance.

The National Geographic Society has been lobbying for getting more geography taught to youngsters for many years and is getting some results lately, but the problem of the dozens of new countries that now dot the maps and the shortage of teachers who got much training in geography may be big drawbacks.

Another part of our school day was devoted to the study of penmanship. Or is that penpersonship now? For the life of me I

can't remember the name of the system introduced in the schools about that time, but it ran counter to everything we had learned before about holding the pen and making letters.

You see, in those days each school desk had its own little ink well and a slot to hold a pen. Fountain pens were just being developed at that time and were for big people to own and use, so we had to dip, write, and blot with straight pens when we didn't use pencils.

Under the system they were teaching you were required to hold the pen differently from your normal grip, then make the letters by actually moving your whole arm up and down and sideways to form the letters. It was, most of us thought, a very clumsy, unnatural motion that resulted in unreadable work. Fortunately the powers-that-be found out they were getting nowhere with the idea and dropped it after a short period. Hooray!

Even in grammar school boys were given some of what was then called manual training. Now it's called wood shop. At that age about all a youngster could make to take home for Mom to use was a cutting board for the kitchen, but he got basic knowledge about the use of hand tools, and most of all, about cleaning up his bench and putting the tools back in place.

It was probably hoped that the training would sink in and be useful in keeping his room at home straightened out. If memory holds, that was about as successful as the experiment in

penmanship.

In junior high the boys got more sophisticated training in the use of hand tools and could make things like foot stools, but nobody but the teacher used the power tools until high school. Messrs. Black and Decker hadn't made power tools as available as they are today.

In junior high the girls were given "Domestic Science," either taking sewing or cooking, and most girls took both. As I recall, some boys took the cooking classes too, but it took a lot of guts to admit it, back then.

Which reminds me ... back then the transition from grammar school to junior high coincided rather closely to the transition from knickerbockers and long, black, cotton stockings for boys, to "long pants" and, to the lasting delight of mothers, the end of huge, gaping holes-in-the-knees of the stockings — non-darnable holes.

Of course, such a transition was a milestone in life and called for rite of puberty, a celebration on the day he first came to school wearing long pants. And believe me, his contemporaries were ready to help him celebrate.

Within seconds after he made his appearance on the school yard, a committee of half a dozen or so pounced on him, rendered him helpless, and rolled up the pants to just below his knees, and woe betide him if he was not wearing socks — with appropriate garters. If he was still wearing the long, black stockings, he wore them all day with the pants rolled up.

Letters to the Editor

Disappointing memorial

Editor:

In December 1992, I purchased a memorial tile in support of the new Albany Library and as a special remembrance of my son, who died in 1990. The tile has his name on it as well as the years of his life.

When I wrote the check for \$100, I felt the pain of losing him, of course, but also a sense that because of his love of books and learning, this tile would be very special as a way of remembering him each time we visited the new library.

Unfortunately, I have been sadly disappointed in the quality and condition of my son's tile. It is unreadable most of the time (as are many of the other tiles). The letters are faint, and the manner in which they were cut was inappropriate and poorly executed. The tile is simply not what I had envisioned at all.

When I spoke to a couple of library staff members of my concern, they agreed that the quality of the tiles was poor but seemed very vague about any improvement plans. Since then, nothing has changed.

I wonder if other families have been similarly disappointed and frustrated. I wonder if I should ask for my money back.

Lynn Wissler
Albany

Opposing views

Editor:

Well, here's a surprise! In his latest ravings (Letters, Jan. 26), Dangerous Dan, the Freudenthal Man, said something I agree with. Couple of things, actually.

He said that Redevelopment won. He's right; it did win. But only by 48 votes, a squeaker by any estimation, and hardly the "significant victory" Dan claims. The council incumbents, especially those up for election next time, would do well to ponder on the statistical insignificance of those 48 votes.

Second thing he said that I agree with is that we need "a massive educational effort," not toward his aims, but to inform the voters of the huge mountain of debt being created by Redevelopment and augmented by the "money down a rathole" practices of the council.

Dan says we should "heed Senator Kennedy." Sure, Dan, but what of value could we learn from him? His past perpetrations have been less than inspirational,

and his deep lack of judgment has been made compellingly evident. Pick another icon, Dan.

Dan says we should create an urban village. That seems to be some sort of high-density jungle where we'd have lots of taxpayers living in little packing crates along the railroad tracks such as are seen in places like Siberia and Mongolia. We had that form of life in the last century, and people wanted something better: mobility.

When Henry started selling Model T Fords, people leaped into their flivvers and have never to this day looked back. Urban village, indeed!

And, Dan, don't talk about medievalists. The real medievalists are those who want to take away or prohibit by heavy taxation the very things that people want from life — nice homes, automobiles, reasonably priced communication systems and utilities.

So c'mon, Dan, quit foaming at the mouth and take a lean toward the middle before you fall off the left-hand edge. Even Ballcap Bill in his latest re-invention is making noises like a centrist these days. A government big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you have. Remember that.

Robert W. Schnelker
El Cerrito

Bad for business

Editor:

I am writing to express objection to the management of Hilltop Mall's plan to prohibit AC Transit busses from carrying passengers to and from the mall. Instead buses would be forced to have a bus stop on the rim road outside the mall. The rim road has no sidewalks or safe way for passengers to enter mall stores.

I understand that this plan is to discourage teenagers from going to the mall. The people hurt by this plan are disabled people and senior citizens who would find it difficult and dangerous to cross the mall parking lot. Teenagers would have no trouble crossing the parking lot.

I urge Floyd LeMasters, Hilltop Mall General Manager, to work with AC Transit Management and possibly student groups to negotiate a satisfactory solution to this problem that does not impose a hardship on disabled and senior people.

Gail Overstreet
Albany

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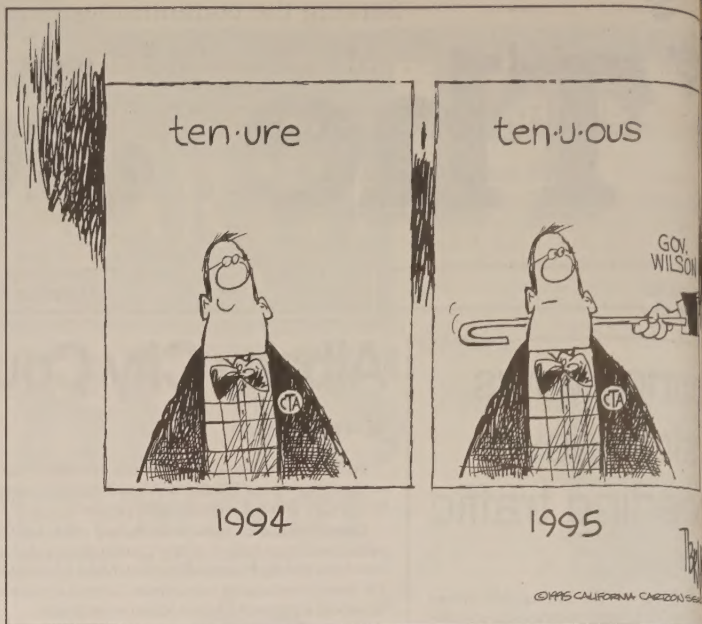
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Police Reports

One killed, 3 arrested in Albany car

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of Feb. 1 Albany officers responded to the 1200 block of Santa Fe Avenue on reports of two cars racing each other in the area. Officers found one of the cars, a black Cutlass, which had run into a telephone pole. Two subjects had been seen fleeing from the vehicle but were later found and arrested. The owner of the car was in the back seat and had suffered a broken neck along with other injuries. The second car was located at the scene but there were no injuries. Three other people were arrested by the Berkeley police and later released.

Thieves stole a white 18 speed mountain bike belonging to an Albany resident while it was parked, unlocked, on the 1200 Solano Avenue on the afternoon of Jan. 29. The thieves graciously left another bike in its place.

Thieves were able to climb up to a second floor fire escape landing on the afternoon of Jan. 30, broke the lock securing a turquoise and white 18 speed Hardrock Specialized mountain bike and departed with it unseen.

An Albany man and an Alameda man were arrested on the evening of Jan. 30 when officers observed them involved in a sale/purchase of a significant amount of marijuana. The Albany man's car was impounded.

On the night of Jan. 30 Richmond police reported finding a 1983 Toyota which had been reported stolen from Albany on Jan. 25. There was no one in custody and the rear license plate was missing but the car was not damaged or stripped. It was released to the owner.

Two Albany men were contacted by Albany officers on the morning of Jan. 31 on the BART path near the El Cerrito border because they were intoxicated and could not care for themselves. They

were arrested and cited to be released when sober.

A woman on the 700 block of Adams Street reported seeing two young boys attempting to climb the fence into her neighbor's yard at about noon on Jan. 31. Officers contacted the boys, both 12 years old and from Richmond, and transported them to the Albany station. They were released to their families.

On the afternoon of Jan. 31 a 13-year-old girl on the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that a boy she described as black, about 16 to 18 years old, 5-foot-10 inches tall, and thin, walked up to her and started a conversation. He then reportedly attempted to convince her to go between the houses so he could kiss her. When she refused he made threatening remarks and departed.

Thieves broke into the kitchen area of Cornell School during the early morning hours of Feb. 1. They prowled the area, opening drawers and pried open a locked storage door and locked drawers. They stole some cash and departed unseen.

Between midnight and 7 a.m. on Feb. 1 vandals broke the rear window of a 1988 Acura Legend parked on the 600 block of San Gabriel. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Feb. 2 Oakland police reported finding a gold 1988 Honda Civic, 4-door which had been reported stolen from Albany on Jan. 17. There was no one in custody, the license plates were missing and the thieves had performed a minor strip. The owner was notified.

On the morning of Feb. 2 officers responded to Albany High School on reports of a boy who was intoxicated. They contacted the boy who was so intoxicated that he was unaware of his actions. He was transported to Alta Bates Medical Center by Albany paramedics and his parents were called.

Richmond man robs EC resident at gunpoint

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A Richmond man placed a gun to an El Cerrito man's neck, demanded cash and received \$8 (later recovered) at about 7:13 a.m. Feb. 2 on the BART path corresponding to the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue.

A Richmond juvenile hit his victim then took a gym bag on the morning of Jan. 25 at Central and Norvel. The youth was arrested.

A man armed with a syringe demanded cash at Walden Books on the morning of Jan. 30.

Two Richmond male juveniles were arrested for gambling for cash then running from officers in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue at 8:33 a.m. Jan. 27.

A man approached a woman at Central and Lexington at 4:35 a.m. Jan. 27, asking for spare change, then grabbed her purse and ran after pushing her.

A group of juveniles said they were chased by three male juveniles on the BART path at Moerser at 4 p.m. Jan. 28.

Three male juvenile suspects attacked an Albany High School student with a pipe in the 1400 block of the BART path, then asked for cash. They got \$1.15, then fled.

Two male suspects grabbed a purse off the shoulder of an El Cerrito resident in the 300 block of Carmel, then ran to a waiting vehicle.

In the 1300 block of Everett Street, someone entered a bedroom window on the evening of Jan. 31 but left without taking anything, possibly scared off when a VCR was knocked to the floor.

During the daytime Jan. 24, someone took cash after entering a home in the 1600 block of Elm Street through an unlocked window.

A bedroom was ransacked and jewelry taken in a residential burglary in the 600 block of Richmond Street during the daytime Jan. 25.

Someone attempted to force a residential door in the 3300 block of Carlson during the daytime Jan. 25 but was unsuccessful; another attempt to force a door was unsuccessful in the 3400 block of Belmont during the daytime Jan. 26.

There were, however, several successful burglaries during the daytime Jan. 26. Someone entered a home in the 5700 block of San Diego Street after forcing a door-knob, then took \$2 cash, jewelry and miscellaneous items.

An 11-year-old reported that on the Feb. 3, while he was on a bike east bound on Marin he was followed by a scribed as Hispanic, about years old, chubby, wearing green/red striped shirt, navy/gray pants. When the intersection of Marin avenues he reported that he grabbed the seat of his demanded he give up the the victim attempted to back his hands slipped and fled east bound on Marin on the bike. The bike is a chrome BMX Dino B.

On the morning of Albany officers stopped traffic infraction and for cupants to be two Vans and the car was stolen. T arrested.

On the morning of residents of the 600 block Route Boulevard alleged eggs and sugar at a neighbor and walkway reportedly they were angry that the had complained about the dog.

At about 2:45 a.m. on Albany officer noticed old girls, who were intoxicated in bushes in the area of San Gabriel streets being seen by the officers questioning, one of the hitting the officer in his fought to get away. She was quickly subdued and arrested and transported to Albany station. They were processed without incident.

During the week of Albany officers finger people at their request, cars, responded to 13 called attended to two lost or mals, assisted seven people were locked out of their car and responded to one barking dog.

A garage was entered block of Key Boulevard was taken. Clothes and neous items were taken sack of a home in the 1300 Scott Street; the burglar through a rear door.

In the 6800 block of H levard, the burglar ransacked home extensively after through an unlocked garage then forcing a storage door an interior residential jewelry, electronic and neous items were taken.

A tool box was taken garage in the 7000 block of Lane at about 10:30 p.m. was taken from a van unlocked garage during Jan. 24.

Piggy's Pizza was burg during the night of Jan. tronic and miscellaneous taken. Pryde Chevron was ized during the night of miscellaneous items were the thief could not enter

Someone opened a drawer and removed cash McPhee's Junior Bookstore afternoon of Jan. 23.

County storm drain brochure details maintenance precautions

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Not every storm drain in the city was able to immediately carry away the results of the excessive rainfall during the recent storms. But most functioned efficiently and eventually rid the city of all that extra rain water.

After all, carrying rain water to the Bay is what the storm drains are for.

They're not designed to carry anything else. While catch basins, which keep going through design revisions in order to increase their effectiveness, should prevent most large debris from entering the system, many potentially dangerous substances, as well as smaller pieces of debris, continuously find their way into the drains.

Unlike many environmental problems facing the earth, it's one problem individual citizens can easily do something about.

A brochure available at city hall describes simple precautions to follow in keeping the drains clear. It was published by the Contra Costa Cities (and) County District Stormwater Pollution Control Program and the Lindsay Museum.

The brochure lists a variety of cleaning, automotive and gardening products that can become pollutants when emptied into storm drains.

Tremendous damage can be done when residents and others pour motor oil, antifreeze, paints, thinners and other chemical products down the drains, whether deliberately or carelessly when hosing down a work area. Some substances can poison wildlife; others can coat fish gills, blocking breathing; others can prevent oxygen from dissolving in water, causing excessive foaming.

Even "natural" waste — dirt, for example, or plant debris — can destroy aquatic habitats or create unsightly masses. More immediately, they can block drains, causing flooding when overflows occur.

Dumping of any debris in the drains is illegal; recycling options are continually being developed. The El Cerrito Recycling Center accepts used motor oil; recycled motor oil requires about half as much energy to produce as new. According to the brochure, county residents illegally dumped 1.7 million gallons of used motor oil on the ground, down storm drains and in the trash in 1993.

In California, the amount of illegally dumped motor oil exceeded that of the Exxon Valdez spill by eight times.

Contra Costa County offers regular Household Hazardous Waste days when a variety of other chemicals are accepted for disposal.

The brochure also suggests less toxic alternatives for those who want to shop for household products with environmental safety in mind.

Water-based latex paints rather than oil-based paints, turpentine and thinner are recommended, for example. Insecticidal soap, insect growth regulators, boric acid and traps are among suggested alternatives to garden insecticides.

Other specific ideas for materials storage and product use are given. If spills occur, for example, the area should not be hosed down, with the runoff entering the drain system. Instead, the spill should be absorbed with sawdust or kitty litter, then disposed in a strong plastic bag in the trash.

The Contra Costa County Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Hotline number is 1-800-750-4096.

Funds for storm costs sought

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Planning Director Claudia Cappio estimated this week that flooding from the record January rainfall has resulted in close to 325 residents suffering a total of an estimated \$100,000 in damages.

In addition, Cappio estimates city expenses at \$63,000 for cleaning up myriad storm drain, basement and sewer overflows, in addition to street flooding, two rock slides and a fallen tree at \$63,000.

"The good news is the drought is over, the bad news is there was some damage," she said, reporting her findings to council Monday night.

While city staff have completed necessary paperwork to seek disaster relief funds from state and federal agencies, Cappio said it is unclear at this point whether all damage expenses will be reimbursed.

Following a rock slide and fallen tree that occurred on Jackson Street on Albany Hill city staff sent a \$5,000 bill to property owners for clean up costs.

Adam Sparks, one of a partnership of property owners at 600 Jackson St. said the city's attempt to recoup its losses from owners is unwarranted.

"I believe that the property owner should not be held liable. The city

should absorb the costs, much in the way that the recent heavy water run off from private properties caused flooding in certain intersections," Sparks wrote to city officials last week.

Mayor Mike Brodsky agreed Monday that city action to bill owners should be put on hold.

"It sounds reasonable to try to get this reimbursed rather than charging the owner," he said.

But, Cappio's report to council noted that the city would not necessarily recoup 100 percent of its expenses or private property losses, leaving the question of whether or not the unreimbursed expenses would be absorbed by the city.

Sparks, speaking at the meeting, said it would be unfair to charge owners for the loss.

"I would think this shouldn't be billed even if there was a shortfall. These are acts of god," he said.

While the City Council directed staff to pursue reimbursement aid, Cappio noted in a later interview that those suffering private property damage should contact the city or their insurance companies to qualify for reimbursement.

As for the stability of Albany Hill, Cappio said there is some question about how the 70 percent slope will hold up if more heavy rains come our way.

"The problem is the likelihood of other debris coming down. We need to make sure measures have been taken or reviewed for stabilizing it so there is less likelihood of it causing damage to the public right of way or other property," she said, noting that she believes the owners are currently undergoing a study.

"It's my understanding the owner is in process of doing that and we have also asked him to look at some other trees we think are in danger. You can't walk out on parts of that site, you'd need to be a goat (to climb) its 60 to 70 percent slope and the Eucalyptus trees aren't well rooted anyway," Cappio said.

Sparks, in an interview Tuesday, said he believes the slope is safe.

"It's a very stable hillside that is mostly bedrock. It was a very minor slide. It's possible that there will be additional remedies taken if deemed necessary. Obviously one could put a massive retaining wall on the hill but that would prohibitively expensive," he said.

In terms of the property's overall future, Sparks said owners will submit a proposal to the city in the next six weeks to build homes on the site.

A similar proposal was denied by council two years ago, but Sparks said he hopes plans are approved this time around.

EC Art Association features museum docent

On Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. the El Cerrito Art Association presents Josephine Palmer, docent for the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco in an Overview of the American Art.

Collection of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller III. Over 150 American paintings have been donated to the museum which makes San Francisco a major center for

American Art.

The program will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

By Dave Simpson

If you were affected by the recent floods and winter storms, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State Office of Emergency Services encourage you to apply for assistance.

You can register for assistance by calling 1-800-462-9029 (TDD: 1-800-462-7585).

SBA Disaster Loans to Individuals and Businesses

Based on the type and extent of uninsured disaster-related losses and damages, individuals may be eligible for low-interest state loans for home and/or personal property losses and damages of up to \$200,000 for structure and \$40,000 for contents.

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The Rental Assistance program helps people who cannot or should not live in their homes because of damage or other disaster-related reasons. The purpose of the program is to make sure people have a safe place to live until their homes can be repaired.

The Home Repair program provides grant funds to restore a home to a habitable condition. The total estimated repair cost of storm-related damage may not exceed FEMA's maximum allowable assistance for repairs. The estimated repair cost is determined by a FEMA inspection.

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Goings on About Town

Performances

The Concert Honoring Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, hosted by Wavy Gravy, features Jackson Browne, Buffy Sainte-Marie, John Trudell and Bad Dog, and Jesse Colin Young at Berkeley Community Theater on Saturday, Feb. 18. 762-BASS.

Hertz Hall: Feb. 15, noon: Lawrence Ferrara, guitar. U.C. Berkeley campus, free. Call 642-4864.

Banana Slug String Band, sponsored by Kidshows, plays Feb. 12, 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 839-0886.

Cal Performances presents Consort of Musick, Feb. 12, 3 p.m. Hertz Hall. 642-9988.

New Giorgi Gallery Concert Hall: Feb. 9. Jeff Greenwald presents excerpts from his new book, "Big World," accompanied by music from around the world performed by guitarist Henry Kaiser; Feb. 10: Seth Monfort, piano; Feb. 11: Nanette McGuinness, soprano and Richard Flores, guitar; Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m.: Seth Monfort plays a Chopin recital; Feb. 16: Jack and Adelle Foley perform a dynamic reading of Jack Foley's poetry. All concerts \$7.50 and at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Includes a free glass of wine from Oddbins Winery. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4967.

Berkeley Youth Orchestra presents the Winter Concert of the 25th anniversary season on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church 2727 College Ave.

The Community Women's Orchestra performs Thursday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. at Le Conte School, 2241 Russell, Berkeley.

Second Sunday Series hosts organist Michael Messina on Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-2269.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre: "Geni(us)", by Geoff Hoyle and Tony Taccone, directed by Tony Taccone. Through March 24. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 845-4700.

MusicSources continues keyboard concerts with harpsichordist Byron Schenkman. Feb. 12, 5 p.m., 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

Berkeley Theater Project: "Watchnight: An Evening of Mythic Jewish Theater," written and performed by Joshua Leavitt, directed by Aaron Davidman. Through Feb. 19. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 649-9100.

Black Repertory Group: "Keeper of the Supreme Decree" by Etha Gray, a play about Martin Luther King, Jr. told "like never before" and a presentation from the New Arts Experience Department runs through February. 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley.

Turiya plays jazz Feb. 10, 10:30 p.m., at La Val's Subterranean, 1834

Euclid.

Poetry at Cody's: Feb. 15: Ok-Koo Kang Grosjean and Leza Lowitz. 7:30 p.m., \$2, upstairs. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

U.C. Theater: Feb. 12: "The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozlowski, His Life and Music." 2036 University Ave., Berkeley. Includes live concert by Klezmerian, Bay Area klezmer band. Call 843-6267.

Ashkenaz: Feb. 9: Bay Area Guitar Shuffle with Tommy Castro, Steven Gannon, Paris Slim and Alvon; Feb. 10: Zulu Spear; Feb. 11 California Cajun Orchestra; Feb. 12: Gray Panthers' 20th anniversary party with Country Joe McDonald, Ronnie Gilbert and Wavy Gravy; Feb. 14: Bayou Pon Pon; Feb. 15: West Coast Swing Alistars; Feb. 16: Tracy Schwarz. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Kimball's East: All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

La Peña Cultural Center: Feb. 10: Rick Nejira, humorist, 8 p.m.; Feb. 11, 9:30: West African Highlife Band. For children on Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.: Storyteller Patricia Bullitt. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568, ext. 15.

Starry Plough: Feb. 9: Baby Snufkin, Black Watch; Feb. 10: Tempest, Conundrum; Feb. 11: Boxset, Andruff Jones & the Previous; Feb. 12: Benefit for Pol Brennan; Feb. 15: Plastic Surgeons, Sunfur. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Religious Activities

First Unitarian Church: Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.: Early service is led by meditation with rotating leaders. Late service features Dr. Kaufmann, the new interim minister, fresh from a stint in New Zealand. Feb. 12: "The Cost of Love." One Lawson Rd., Kensington. Call 525-0302.

Berkeley Hill: Feb. 9: Russian sing-along, 7:30 p.m. Sundays: Hike, 9:30 a.m. and folk dancing, 8 p.m.; Mondays: Meditation, 7 p.m.; Friday evenings: Singing, 5:30; services, 6:30; dinner, 7:30. 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

REI: Feb. 9: "A Journey Through the Yucatan Peninsula" with Chicki Mallan; Feb. 16: "Bolivia, with David Sanger." 7 p.m. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. REI offers several Learn-to-Ski week-ends this winter. Feb. 11: Royal Gorge; Feb. 25: Bear Valley Cross Country; March 4: Sugar Bowl. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 527-4140.

Bananas childcare information services invites parents and children to drop by the office, 5232 Claremont Ave., Oakland, on Feb. 10, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., to decorate a cardboard dolls and write their childcare stories. Dolls will be carried to Washington to be presented to Congress at the end of the month. 658-7101.

Lindy/jitterbug dance session on Saturday, Feb. 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dance to taped music 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Ballroom, 813 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 486-0202.

St. Vitus Dance 8:30 p.m., preceded by Lindy/jitterbug practice session at 7:15 p.m. Terrace Lounge, Claremont Resort, Ashby and Domingo avenues, Oakland. 549-8576.

Fridays on Berkeley Cable Channel 25 see the Intrepid Berkeley Explorer's travel videos. Feb. 10: "I Follow Apollo" (Greece).

Black Oak Books: Feb. 9: *How to Have More Love in Your Life: Everyday Actions for Nourishing Heart and Soul*, Alan Epstein, Ph.D.; Feb. 12: *The Enneagram in Love and Work: Understanding Your Intimate and Business Relationships*, Helen Palmer; Feb. 13: *Go, Holy Yemoto*; Feb. 14: *How We Die*, Sherwin B. Nuland, and *The Point*, Charles D'Ambrasio; *Living Without a Goal: Finding the Freedom to Live a Creative and Innovative Life*, James O'Givvie. All events 7:30 p.m. unless noted. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 486-0698.

Tenor saxophonist David Murray presents a lecture/demonstration Feb. 16, 2 p.m., at UC Berkeley Jazz Ensemble Studio, Golden Bear Center. 642-5062.

Cody's Books: Feb. 9: *Gertrude Stein in Words and Pictures*, Renate Stendhal; Feb. 12: *Burglars Can't Be Choosers*, Lawrence Block; Feb. 13: *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex and the Fight for Women's Rights*, Nadine Strossen; Feb. 14: *Coffee Will Make You Black*, April Sinclair; *Mapping the Terrain of the Heart: The Six Capacities that Guide the Journey of Love*, David Wallin and Stephen Goldbart. All events 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music instruction for singers, instrumentalists, music lovers starts Feb. 15. Register (early) at 530-3202 or 528-1725.

East Bay Chapter of the Great War Society 1914-18 meets Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m., 640 Arlington Ave., Berkeley. 527-7118.

GAIA Bookstore: Feb. 9: *Creating a Joyful Birth Experience: For Healthy Pregnancy, Labor & Parenting*, Lucia Capochione; Feb. 10: Cathleen Rountree, *50 Ways to Meet Your Lover*;

Feb. 13: Ondrea & Stephen Levine, *Embracing the Beloved*; Feb. 15: Mini-workshop with author Arnold Patent: *You Can Have It All: Choosing a Life of Joy and Abundance*; Feb. 16: Kazuaki Tanahashi and Tensho David Schneider, *Essential Zen*. All events 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172.

American Schizophrenia Association-Alliance is co-sponsoring an education series Feb. 11, 18 and 25 for families of those with serious mental illness. Call 525-3153 for information.

California Writer's Club meets Feb. 18: "Honoring Our Members" features presentations on writing memoirs, having them published and writing book reviews. 237-8497 or 845-4725.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Feb. 12: 8:30 a.m.: Muir Woods Roundabout, call 654-3148; 9 a.m.: Shell Ridge, call 939-0159.

Berkeley/Albany Midweek Ski Club: Midweek skiers' social club meets first and third Tuesdays. Sharing cuts the cost of club owned Tahoe City ski lodge. Must be over 21. Call 451-1044.

Filmmaker Marion Riggs will be remembered in a music and film program at the Berkeley Public Library's Central Reading Room on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. 2090 Kittredge. 644-6100.

Children's Ballet begins Feb. 10 at the El Cerrito rec department. Also, Children's Tap for Boys and Girls. 215-4371.

Tear Gas Training in Berkeley: Feb. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.; in Albany: Feb. 18, 9 to 11 a.m. 524-5065.

UC Botanical Garden holds a program on chocolate tasting Feb. 11, 1 to 4 p.m.; "tea for Two" with Helen Gustafson, tea buyer, is Feb. 12, 3 to 5 p.m. 642-3343.

Contra Costa Hills Club: Feb. 9: San Pablo Dam, 841-9029; Feb. 12: Morgan Territory, 455-5210.

Artists' Salon Feb. 16, 7 p.m. at Berkeley Art Center, 1725 Walnut, Julie Blankenship, Julie Miller and Dion Zwimer discuss their work. 644-6893.

"What to Eat: Easy Lessons in History" is part of Berkeley Public Library's celebration of African American History Month. Teens are invited to taste jambalaya, sweet potatoes, cornbread, strawberry shortcake. Feb. 16, 4:30-6:30, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue. 644-6880.

Turning Point Career Center: Feb. 14, noon: "A Career in a Nonprofit Organization." 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Marmot Mountain Works: Feb. 14, 7 p.m.: Photographer Robert Mackinlay shows ski mountaineering in the Sierra. 3049 Adeline St., Berkeley. Call 848-1712.

Valentine's Day Tea Dance d'Amour and potluck dinner Feb. 12 honors couples who began their ro-

mances at the Allegro Ballroom, 10690 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 524-9100.

Make silly Valentines with Berkeley librarians Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m. at South Branch Library, 1901 Russell. 644-6860.

"Displacing Borders" is a UC Berkeley conference on redefining the "America" in "American" Studies. Feb. 13. 547-8374.

Alta Bates: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.: Senior services exercise class; Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m.: Healthwise for life-medical self care workshop; Tuesdays through Feb. 14: Weight control program; Wednesdays through Feb. 15: Smoking cessation management course. Call 704-6510.

Berkeley Folk Dancers: International folk dance lessons. Beginners class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Classes for other levels available. 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Call 527-2491.

Birthways: Feb. 11: VBAC; infant massage. Feb. 12: CPR, pediatric CPR. Call 869-2797.

Berkeley High School: Class of 1985 is looking for graduates for its 10 year reunion. Write: BHS Class of '85 Reunion, 1928 Bush Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806.

City Commons Club: Feb. 10, 11:45 a.m.: Sheldon Margen, M.D., "Staying Well and Healthy." Feb. 15, 10 a.m. - noon: "United Nations at 50: Reaching Out or Overreaching?" 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

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North Berkeley Senior Center: Feb. 10: Video Opera, *Das Rheingold*, 1 p.m. 1901 Hearst, MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley. Call 644-6107.

Retired Public Employees Assoc.: Feb. 9, 9 a.m.: Chapter 51 meeting discusses tax law changes and senior citizens, champagne brunch. Sizzler, corner of Potrero and San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Reservations by Feb. 2. Call 526-2351.

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Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The public safety building will soon receive needed improvements to its lobby area, including general repairs and changes that will make it more accessible to disabled persons. The Marvin Collins Construction Company, an El Cerrito company experienced in working on city projects, entered the low bid of two received for the project. The city will contract with the company for the

needed work at a cost of \$19,327.

At the same time, bids from both Collins Construction and a second company for improvements at the El Cerrito Library were rejected.

The impetus for work on both buildings was provided by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates requiring local jurisdictions to provide adequate access to public buildings and other facilities. El Cerrito adopted a plan in January of 1992 to bring its facilities

into compliance. In the case of the public safety building and the library, entryway and interior modifications must be made.

Staff had estimated the ADA repairs at about \$15,000 for the public safety building, which houses the El Cerrito Police and Fire Departments, and about \$25,000 for the library. Both buildings, however, are in need of general repairs as well.

In order to exercise an economy

of scale, he said, it seemed appropriate to repair the lobby ceiling of the public safety building and to paint the lobby walls while making the alterations for better accessibility, raising the cost of the project by about \$4,000.

In doing design work for the library, however, additional necessary improvements became evident, administrative services manager Jim Randall said. As a result, both bids received exceeded \$57,000.

POETRY

darkness
deep in the depths
of my complex
labyrinth, lost, not
going anywhere, tired
of searching and tired
of struggling in the
dark, not able to
see, not having a true
destination. but when
you came into my
life, you lit
my dark maze; I
can see where to go
and where I've been. I
know if I lose you
now I will be in the
dark again.

— Marcus Johnson
MacGregor High School

FEELINGS

Excited is a person who always
goes to fun places.
Excited is somebody who always
has surprise parties.
Excited always wears bright clothes
and smiles a lot.
Excited is when you go to Chuck E.
Cheese every time and eat pizza.
Excited is when it's only 10 more
days to my birthday.
Excited is when it's only 10 more
days to my birthday.
Excited likes it when people buy
her presents on her birthday.
It is my birthday and my friend
came to my house and I got
presents.

It makes me excited when my
cousin draws me a picture.
I'm very, very excited when I could
go to China
and visit my grandma, and my
aunties, and my 3 brothers.
I'm excited when I get to see my
older 2 sisters and my older 2
brothers.
Excited is when I go on a long trip
to see my aunt.
We go to the airport, and that's
exciting.
A person is excited when her mom
buys her Super-Nintendo and
Sega.
I like friends to play with me and I
have fun.

I'm excited when I go to the Rock
and Roll Show.

Excited is when I buy a toy.
Excited likes to eat vegetables.

I get excited when I get new
friends.

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Disneyland still amazes after so many years

Well, after many years, I have revisited Disneyland. In company of my grandchildren, of course.

An amazing place, Disneyland. Lots of glitz, lots of people, but very clean, amazingly clean.

On the whole, I'm not sure it is a place for little kids — except for isolated areas. Kids 8 and over seem to be happiest there. Except for the Small World — a really lovely little ride. My 3-1/2-year-old granddaughter loved it so much we had to go twice.

The space ride scared most of the very little ones, including ours. And it was scary — but fun. Of course, older children and adults knew it was all illusion. That's a hard concept for little ones.

But I watched their faces as we strolled through the various areas. So much to see. So much to do. I'm sure it was all unreal to them, as it really is.

We started with the space ride, visited other areas and other rides, had lunch (very little choice in food, unless you go to one of the real restaurants), rested so that we would be in good shape for the evening festivities, and were back in time for the children to enjoy Beauty and the Beast, before the great event — the Fantasmagory. (I don't have the program in front of me, but I think that's what it is called.) And it really is fantastic.

Our old friend Mickey Mouse is very much in evidence, as he calls for the dancing waters (which managed to dampen all of the watchers) and the colored lights, lasers, and fireworks — really a beautiful display. And all the ships from the various 'parks' were used: the Pirate Ship, the Dixie water wheel (with all the Disney characters on board), rafts full of Dixieland bands, dancing figures, everything that spells Disneyland.

Fun to watch. Lots of oohing and aaahing. It really is an exciting end to a rather exhausting day.

Our 6-1/2-year-old had many questions. The 3-1/2-year-old was just beat. Me, too.

Are you aware that the Oakland Museum Association had a great loss in the recent torrential rains? Much of the material they had amassed for their annual White Elephant sale was ruined when the warehouse in which it was housed was flooded. The members are desperately working to gather more items for the sale.

All sorts of white elephants are needed and will be welcomed. So comb your closets, cellars, and attics and call the museum for information as to



Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

how to get it to the sale.

And, because one museum usually leads me to another, I have to mention the Community Heritage Project being instituted by the Richmond Museum of History.

Says the brochure: "Richmond is a city with a rich and varied industrial and ethnic history. From the days of the Spanish rancheros to the explosion of industry led by the Santa Fe Railroad, Chevron and the Kaiser shipyards of World War II, Richmond has been home to many talented and interesting people from a great diversity of ethnic backgrounds."

It continues, talking about "unspoken and hidden artists who carry on traditional arts" as well as recent crafts.

"Quilters, fiddlers, mariachi singers, Laotian embroiders, storytellers and cloggers live among us." And the Community Heritage proposes to build archives and artifacts to preserve this cultural history.

Anyone interested in knowing more about it, or suggesting someone who practices such arts or crafts, is invited to call Donna Reid, the Project Director, at 235-7387.

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Oh, dear. We must make a correction. Between the headline writer and me, we did malign our 'Plant Lady,' Debra Amerson. Well, malign isn't the word for the headline writer.

Being a teacher is a good thing. But Debra Amerson, although she does hold workshops on plants, isn't a teacher. She is an expert on plants for indoors, and has many corporate offices, hospitals, weddings, etc., to prove it.

And I had her dropping out of high school. Sorry, I misread my notes. She did finish high school, and dropped out of college, twice. (But finished when she was ready.)

Debra Amerson owns and runs Plantris Productions.

Had to get these items off my list. I have a fascinating person for you next week.

Please give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

A place in time

Discovering a cabin in the wild

By Linda Grant

When my parents first mentioned their desire to move to Big Sur to our friend Harrydick Ross, he immediately thought of the old caretaker's cabin on the north ledge of Hot Springs Creek, uninhabited for many years.

The property was owned by Dr. Henry Murphy and his wife Vinnie, of Salinas. Harrydick called him from the nearest public telephone in Pfeiffer State Park, six miles north of the Ross' new home on Partington Ridge.

On his return Harrydick nodded in affirmation to my parents. Though Dr. Murphy was seriously ill, Vinnie had agreed to show us the cottage.

The old lady and her uniformed chauffeur arrived in a midnight blue limousine on a windy, overcast summer's day in 1947. She was dressed as if to attend an afternoon tea, in a dark blue suit and coat which both protected her from the inclement weather and matched the color of her automobile.

Mrs. Murphy wore sensible, low-heeled navy shoes and carried an equally deep blue leather handbag. Her white hair was almost entirely concealed by the small, somber cloth hat firmly planted on her head. Black netting laced the upper portion of her face, hiding the color of her eyes from my vision. In sharp contrast, a pair of short, laundry-white gloves protected her hands.

This wiry woman of uncertain age carefully picked her way through a sea of fading lavender thistle blossoms and tall grasses to the back door, where we were waiting.

There were no formal introductions; simply a brusque acknowledgment from her. No-nonsense Vinnie Murphy produced a house key from her handbag and presented it to the chauffeur. After some gyrations with a resistant rusty lock,

the key to the kitchen door turned. She propped the door open with her cane and waved us inside.

"Come in, come in, but don't expect much," she snapped. "This place is filthy and I don't think you'll want anything to do with it. But you'll have to see that for yourselves," she concluded with starchy authority.

Mrs. Murphy was right. The rooms were grimy, the kitchen walls sticky with the build-up from years of cooking grease. The cottage was damp and cold, the furniture covered with layers of dust. Mother, I remember, pulled out a drawer in the highboy we discovered in the living room.

An indignant maternal mouse escaped over the edge of the drawer, falling to the floor. For a long moment the mouse lay there, still. Then it swiftly recovered and vanished. Mom jumped back a step and let out a surprised yelp — followed by an embarrassed laugh.

I peered into the drawer at a nest with four cuddly babies. The crusty old lady wasn't startled at all. "Well, I warned you not to expect much," she sniffed.

Dad was undaunted by the present condition of the cabin: that it was missing some basic elements, like heat and light, a shower and hot water, for instance. Woodstoves for heat and cooking, kerosene lamps for lighting, and propane gas for hot water all could be found.

He discussed with Mother how he and his friend Eddie would build a shower stall to enlarge the meager lavatory off the enclosed back porch on their time off between their script contracts with the studios in Hollywood. Waving his arms in excitement, he concluded, "I know we can do it!"

I watched her face intently, until she broke into a smile and turned to Mrs. Murphy. "We'll take the place!"

Mrs. Murphy and my father

made their agreement there: \$25 a month. Dad would return the livable condition. Mother still not completely convinced, Grants knew what they said she wasn't sure it was even working.

Her chauffeur, standing silently and watching this meeting, moved the kitchen sink and the single cold water faucet shook and gurgled noisily escaped from Muddy water spurted.

"No problem," said "I'll need to do is to take line in the creek the screen."

"Well, you can have and the flat; and the really want it. But I making a big mistake warning, Vinnie Murphy disappeared into the driven limousine with the poset in her purse, and Salinas.

Dad, a broad smile over his face, fingered key in the pocket of his brown woolen jacket — with the yellow stripes through it and the leather on both elbows.

Thus began our family in the wilds of Big

Linda Grant, earned in journalism from San State University and has for Bay Area newspaper reporter and editor.

Ms. Grant is taking a sabbatical from a 12-year career to write of her experience a child growing up in during the late 1940s-1950s, prior to the advent of telephones or electricity. The excerpt from "Daughter Sur."

Obituaries

Alvin K. "Hap" Willis

Alvin K. "Hap" Willis died in Albany on Jan. 31. He was 61.

An Oakland native, he was the son of Alvin O. Willis of Red Bluff; husband of Bev Willis of Albany; father of Betty Henningsen of Pine Grove, Ca., Kendall Willis and Rita Willis, both of Albany; father-in-law of David Henningsen and Veronica Willis; grandfather of Barbara, Kristee, Candace, Ricky, Timmy, Jake and Kayla; brother of Walter Willis of Turlock and Joyce Riedel of Red Bluff.

He served as Past Commander of Albany Post 292 American Legion; Past President of San Pablo Avenue Sportsman's Club; and Commodore of San Pablo Bay Sportsman's Club.

Contributions in his memory to Vesper Hospice, 311 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro, or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Ernesto Lopez Molina, Jr.

Having given his best during the last four years, Ernesto Molina surrendered to AIDS Jan. 27 in his home in El Cerrito. He lived his life with boundless enthusiasm and conviction.

Molina began his pursuit of knowledge and adventure on April 15, 1954 in Tucson, Az. Amidst the rugged beauty of the desert he grew in his love of nature, music, history and friendship.

Molina graduated cum Laude in History from Yale University in 1976. After completing an MA at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, he served six years in the US State Department in Peru.

In 1984 he settled in California serving in Contra Costa County's probation department. He was a volunteer mediator with California Community Dispute Services and sat on the City of El Cerrito's Human Rights Commission. He sang

with the SF Gay and Lesbian Chorus. For memorial service information call (707) 829-7867.

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Cable

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month. "The guidelines prohibit Century from taking channels out of basic service and charging for them. They happen to be three of the most popular channels," Jones said.

The consultant's report goes on to note that "a...three of the...channels were offered as components on Century's basic service, the Silver Tier, or the Gold Tier. The creation of the a la carte tier on Sept. 1, 1993 resulted in the increase in both the cost of basic service and the cost of full service."

Jeff Butler, general manager for Century Cable of Northern California, however, appeared confident the FCC would rule in his com-

pany's favor. "Century went through the process in several different systems with the FCC rulings, in situations similar to Albany's, going in Century's favor. I think any appeal we submit has a good chance of standing up," he said.

Mayor Mike Brodsky agreed with other council members that the city's responsibility seemed to dictate ordering refunds and new rates. "Our primary interest is to try to protect consumers. The substance of this would make it seem (Century's practice) is not in the best interest of consumers," he said.

Resident Tony Caine, the only public speaker on the subject, agreed, charging stricter regulation of the cable company is called for.

The search for a competitive edge

The following is the second in a two part series.

Making El Cerrito competitive with other cities working to encourage business development means investing in the development and taking some of the risks associated with any such investment. But it also means over time receiving the benefits of that investment.

Close to home Emeryville is a good example of a city that has aggressively transformed itself into a center for large scale retail and other businesses. Emeryville, however, had the advantage of large parcels owned by industries that were either relocating or dying out.

Perhaps the best example for me is the city of Pasadena, where I used to live. When I lived there one major business district was block

after block of boarded up store fronts or the types of businesses most people do not patronize. Returning after a decade and after Pasadena used redevelopment to transform that area, this declining business district was changed into a vibrant and thriving business area, providing sales tax receipts and revalued property taxes to the city.

The change also had the effect of changing the image of that area and Pasadena. This image change has enhanced residential property tax values and the pride that people have in their own community. Putting that all together has meant that Pasadena is viewed as a place to live and work further enhancing its image and further enhancing residential property values.

Just like anything else, if used

From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce
El Cerrito



properly redevelopment can work. In El Cerrito we have seen a smaller yet similar kind of change with the combination of the Del Norte Place development and Target. Other businesses are now considering or have located in El Cerrito because of that intangible yet real change in the business climate of our community. We have seen increased sales tax receipts

and enhanced commercial property values for those properties that were part of those redevelopment areas. If used well in the Plaza area, I feel we will see a similar enhancement of the city and its residents from redevelopment of the Plaza.

For the next article I will discuss the history behind the city's general plan and use designations for the Plaza area.

Celebrate Valentine's Day in Downtown Berkeley



Team of Geoff Hoyle and Tony Taccone create Geni(us) for Berkeley Rep's Mainstage World Premiere Begins Previews February 3

Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents the magic and mystery of *Geni(us)*, written by Geoff Hoyle, award-winning physical comedian, and Berkeley Rep's Associate Artistic Director Tony Taccone, as the third slot of the 1994-95 Mainstage season. Directed by Mr. Taccone, Mr. Hoyle will perform this piece with Sharon Lockwood. *Geni(us)* begins previews February 3. The production opens February 8 and closes March 24.

Geni(us) is an exploration of the time-honored comic subjects of old age, death, and decay. The team of Mr. Hoyle and Mr. Taccone (responsible for *The Convict's Return*) takes us on a wild time-traveling fantasy in search of answers to such great philosophical questions as "Why am I going bald?" With the help of a congenial Genie, Mr. Hoyle embarks on a journey that takes him to Ancient Rome, Medieval Europe and the Belle Epoque. He finally returns to Berkeley: older, wiser and balder.

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Four years ago Yvonne Hall, a teacher at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, approached the Downtown Berkeley YMCA with an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of some students who "just didn't fit in the regular school setting."

She had developed a special program bringing 10 at-risk students out of their regular classes and into one classroom "all day, every day" where they focused on their individual academic needs. She called it the "Opportunity Program". But they didn't have a physical education component, which is why she called on the YMCA.

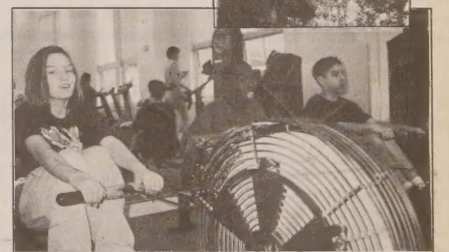
Gregg Weltz, YMCA Youth and Teen Director, knew the idea was a good one and developed a twice weekly program for the students, which has grown to encompass physical conditioning through weight training and swimming, team sports, and leadership development.

This year Gregg and Yvonne added a trip to the ropes course at San Francisco Y-Camp Jones Gulch to enhance the leadership and team building component of the program.

"The ropes course deals with trust, teamwork, conquering individual fears and taking risks," Gregg says, "The kids did a great job of supporting each other and taking responsibility to achieve their goals like getting everyone across a log with a 75-foot drop."

American Savings Bank made the ropes course possible for the students through a \$3,000 grant to the YMCA designated specifically for the Opportunity Program.

According to Donna Nullmeyer, branch manager, Berkeley Hills, "American Savings Bank is proud to make this donation to the Downtown Berkeley YMCA and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Opportunity Program because we strongly be-



Top: Toughing it out on the ropes course. **Above:** Students workout in the Downtown Berkeley YMCA's Cardiovascular Center.

lieve in supporting, and being a part of, the communities we serve."

Both the YMCA and Yvonne Hall consider the Opportunity Program a success. Not only are the students staying in school, they are developing the skills they will need to meet the academic and social challenges of high school.

"This has been one of our best programs and Gregg has done a fantastic job," Yvonne says, "Academically they're there. The physical education develops confidence and self esteem and helps to build social skills."

In the words of Suzanne, a student in the Opportunity Program this year, "The 'Y' is alright...It's cool now because we are playing basketball in the new gym."



The Downtown Berkeley YMCA is located at 2001 Allston Way. For information, call (510) 848-9622.



Left: R: Geoff Hoyle and Sharon Lockwood in the Berkeley Repertory Theatre's production of *Geni(us)*, by Mr. Hoyle and Tony Taccone.

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Irish Sweep offers personalized service to all customers. McKnight says, "I have high expectations of the service I receive as a consumer and so Irish Sweep maintains the same approach: caring, personalized service with a 'watchdog attitude about our customers' pocketbook. I am a believer in self-help; if a customer can do some of their own chimney



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After 10 years as a corporate tax attorney, she opened her own general law practice in Alameda in 1989 and now handles cases involving:

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Conveniently located near the heart of Alameda's business district in a newly converted office suite, Susan offers handicap accessibility and free parking. She is located at 2159 Central Avenue, near Walnut Street in Alameda.

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Susan Jeffries - Alameda
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Mary Galvin, Elaine Unverferth Crackerjacks

"Because they grow so fast" is the motto of Crackerjacks children's resale store located for 8 years at 14 Glen Ave. off Piedmont Ave. Store owners for 3 years, Mary Galvin and Elaine Unverferth are committed to providing the community with high quality used children's clothing, equipment, toys and now Maternity Wear. Cash or trade is offered to customers for outgoing, gently used items. With other professional skills but no formal training in business, Mary and Elaine take an intuitive and common sense approach to marketing and selling. They are actively involved in the Piedmont Avenue Merchants Association believing that a community effort will enhance the individual businesses. The community benefits from Crackerjacks donations of clothing and goods to nonprofit



groups. With 3 children and a husband each, the equal partnership arrangement allows time for Mary and Elaine to meet the demands of the store and their families. With the kids now helping in the store and husbands providing computer and technical skills, Crackerjacks is in every way a "family run" operation with a great future.

Crackerjacks
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Terry Nicole Chapman - Mary Kay Cosmetics

This grandmother of two suffered from a bad complexion and the resulting low self-esteem until discovering Mary Kay Cosmetics. So convinced, she became a professional beauty consultant two years ago. While helping others look and feel better about themselves, Terry was awarded by Mary Kay with two diamond rings for her sales efforts.

Trained by the company in the latest glamour, skin care and nail care techniques, Terry offers a complimentary facial, manicure or glamor make-over in your home, with just a phone call to her. All products are guaranteed to be of the highest quality, safety and effectiveness, and backed by a 100 percent satisfaction warranty.

Terry specializes in creating Mary Kay gift sets for that special person on your list, or perhaps a reward for an outstanding employee. Gifts or gift certificates are available in any price range, wrapped with pizzazz, and either delivered or mailed, thus saving you time, money and hassles at crowded malls. Complimentary gift consultations are provided at your office or home.

Terry features complimentary color analysis



Terry Nicole Chapman
(510) 769-9270

and/or glamour sessions for weddings (bridal shower), anniversaries, photo fashion shows, proms and holiday events. Recently provided the glamour make-over for a fashion show held at Piedmont High School exhibition basketball game. Call Terry for your free make-over.

Kathleen Glenn The Glenn

For the last 22 years, Kathleen Glenn has been El Cerrito's resident picture framer. Her store currently handles original art and prints which are framed and unframed, locally created ceramics and jewelry and a small line of cards. The Glenn custom framing can take care of most of your framing needs from museum quality treatment, 3-dimensional presentations, mirrors, displaying your child's masterpieces to all types of needlework heirlooms, miniature and postage stamp art. The Glenn's motto is "You name it, we'll frame it." Every job is done with care and consideration for the customer's individual needs and desires. It is always good to call for hours or bring in your work for an estimate. When Kathleen is not framing



pictures, you can catch her teaching mat cutting through Richmond Adult Education or designing and creating sets and costumes with the El Cerrito High School Drama Department.

The Glenn
(510) 236-0186

Shifero's Problem Hair Service

Shirley Sanders, CEO of Shifero's Hair Replacement, is a member of American Hair Loss Council and has been a stylist/salon owner for over 35 years. Her expertise is now directed to hair loss treatment hair replacement for men, women and children. She has watched her client base expand from 200 to over a thousand. The expansion is the result of her ability to work with all textures of hair.

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Shirley has earned a PhD in nutrition. Her dissertation was on the "Integumentary System", which is the



study of hair, skin and nails. She designs custom made hair pieces, integration units and wigs. She also styles and repairs piece and units of any kind.

Shirley Sanders, PhD
(510) 654-6075

Jo Goodell—Wellhair Care

After successfully undergoing Chemotherapy for the treatment of breast cancer, Jo became involved in the sale of EVP3, a hair care product she used during her treatment that prevented her hair from falling out.

A real estate appraiser by profession, Jo now devotes her full resources to her business, WELLHAIR CARE, which sells products to men and women that help correct and prevent hair loss due to medication, cosmetic perms and tints, hereditary, environment, stress, diet, as well as chemotherapy.

For more information about EVP3 products, please call: Jo Goodell, WELLHAIR CARE, 510-825-6557



Wellhair Care
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(800) 543-0999

Rina Young Rina's at the Marina

Rina Young believes that the owner of a beauty salon has to set an example for her employees. She combines years of education, assisting top colorists and stylists in high-scale salons, and attention to the customers' individual needs to offer a full beauty service for men and women.

Rina's education includes a Certificate of Completion from Gerard's International Advanced Haircutting Seminar, diplomas from Vidal Sassoon's Academy in Intensive Study of Color, Color and Permanents and the Advanced Academy, and a Certificate of Completion from Rinaldi of New York.

Rina values her training at the hands of top colorists and stylists, such as Ada Grey in Palm Springs, as well as her experience as a stylist at I. Magnin of Walnut Creek and The Marriot in Rancho Mirage. She also served as Style Director at Emporium/Capwell's Oakland before opening her own salon 12 years ago. She is currently the prospective owner of The Village Salon in Indian Wells.

Rina has devoted herself to making Rina's at the Marina a first-class salon catering to all aspects of beauty. All new clients will enjoy a 25% discount off all color, highlighting and permanents by Rina now through the month of March by mentioning this ad.



Rina's
(510) 865-4084

Conveniently located in the Marina Village Shopping Center in Alameda (thru the Webster Tube), Rina's is open 6 days a week and evenings and Sunday by appointment. Call Rina at 865-4084 for your free consultation.

Pam Spence — Phoenix Auto

Pam has been fixing cars for over 23 years. Ten years ago she opened Phoenix Auto.

Phoenix is a fairly large and very well equipped independent garage in Oakland servicing Japanese cars and trucks.

What makes Phoenix different is the fact that it gears its services specifically to women. Says Pam, "Finding an auto repair environment where usable product information is presented in a way that respects the intelligence of the buyer has historically been difficult for many women. At Phoenix we give customers (women AND men) the explanations that they need in order to make informed car care decisions, and we do that in a clean, well organized, professional atmosphere where women feel comfortable."

"Although we gear our services to women we have noticed over the years that this level of service evidently appeals to



professional men as well, because we are more and more of them at the shop every year."

Phoenix is open 7AM to 6PM and provides rides to and from BART.

Phoenix Auto
510 533-3356

Barbara Mooney, Caterer Gatsby Party Co.

Pink meringue dessert cups were my first cooking masterpiece, at the age of four. Since then I have expanded my skills into a wonderful variety of delights. My specialties are appetizers and petite desserts. Making food taste and look delicious are only part of entertaining. I created Gatsby Party Company to return parties to an era of yesterday, where no detail is too small. It starts when the guest walks in and smiles in delight at the spectacular decorations. Just the right music played softly behind cheerful conversation. To create the perfect balance of ambiance and exquisite cuisine tables are dressed in perfectly pressed linens with original centerpieces, and perhaps some small wrapped favors to entertain touch and curiosity. The incredible aroma coming over the room might be tartlets with asparagus or classic crab cakes enhanced with avocado



butter. The entrée might include a dish especially created for the bride and groom or other special guest. While sipping on a cappuccino and finishing the perfect creme brulee, the palette is experiencing true satisfaction. Let Gatsby Party Company give your guest more than a wonderful meal, a pleasant memory that lasts a lifetime.

Gatsby Party Co.
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LaRee Jensen-Graham Padgett Business Services

LaRee Jensen-Graham has opened a Padgett Business Services office, providing accounting and tax services to Montclair, Rockridge, Piedmont, and Grand Lake areas. Her services are specifically designed for small, independent retail and service businesses.

"Our goal is to provide to small business owners the same high level of service that they provide to their customers. We pledge timely service, confidentiality and personal attention to each client," says LaRee.

Padgett Business Services is a network of over 280 offices in the U.S. and Canada. In operation for 28 years, it has been ranked #1 in its industry by *Entrepreneur*, *Success*, and *Income Opportunities*. Services include monthly financial statements, payroll reporting, sales tax preparation, tax



planning, with pick-up and delivery for each client. Padgett also prepares individual, partnership, and corporate tax returns.

LaRee Jensen-Graham
(510) 601-0409

Melissa Rogers - Impeccable Interiors

After seven years of experience at Nordstrom's, Melissa Rogers left the company for another full-time occupation - motherhood. Finding a dependable, customer-oriented cleaning person wasn't just difficult, it was virtually impossible. Melissa discovered as she tried to secure help with her own home. Following the birth of her son, Impeccable Interiors was born a year later and has been going strong ever since.

It's simple, really. Impeccable Interiors is a cleaning service devoted to customer service. And it all begins with listening to your needs. All of them. To what you want, and especially to what you don't want. Anyone can push a vacuum around or scour the inside of an oven. Impeccable Interiors goes beyond that.

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OUT and ABOUT
By Frosene Phillips

In 1978, vocalist Patti Cathcart was auditioning for a Las Vegas show band. Guitarist Tuck Andress showed up for the same audition and, as the duo has described it, the meeting was a musical love at first sight. The acclaimed duo was born and three years later, they became husband and wife.

These romantic beginnings are worthy of mentioning as Tuck & Patti launch their latest recording *Learning How to Fly* on Valentine's Day at the San Francisco Hyatt Regency Hotel. The duo has travelled a long way since my early listening days at the New Orleans Bar & Grill in Montclair.

Learning How to Fly is Tuck & Patti's fourth recording project and their debut for Epic Records. They recorded three albums for Windham Hill Jazz previously — *Tears of Joy*, *Love Warriors*, and *Dream*. To celebrate the release of the CD, KKSF, 103.7 FM, will host the free Valentine's Day concert in the Hyatt's atrium lobby from 6 to 8 p.m. Immediately following, listeners are invited to a special Valentine's Ice Skating Party at the Dorothy Hamill Ice Rink in Justin Herman Plaza. Skate rental will be two for one for couples and skaters will glide to the sounds of Tuck & Patti which will play throughout the rink.

Since a loyal Bay Area following has long been established, Tuck & Patti can expect a large and joyful crowd for this day of hearts and roses. This is a perfect musical beginning for any Valentine's evening.

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MUSICAL NOTES: "My mom was a great cook, but these are the best biscuits I've ever had," an excited Brenda Boykin blurted out. Boykin is appearing Wednesday nights in San Francisco's latest blues club **Biscuits and Blues**. The restaurant features southern cuisine specializing in catfish and chicken that is grilled or fried. "I created everything I want in a club," owner Regina Charboneau told me. "I've always had a total love for blues." Charboneau plans to have music nightly along with her comfort foods that include her signature biscuits. The club is located at 401 Mason — the former home of the Improvisation Comedy Club. In addition to Biscuits and Blues, Charboneau operates **Regina's Chichi Beignet** in San Francisco as well... **Venezia** in Berkeley will feature soprano Amanda Charan Sunday in an afternoon recital at 2 p.m. Charan will also return on the evening of Valentine's Day.

RESTAURANT BITES: Gaucha Rotisserie at 5478 College Ave. in Oakland, closed its doors Sunday night for a bit of remodelling and concept changing. **Gaucha Rotisserie Taqueria French-Mex** will feature regular, gourmet and seafood burritos as well as kabobs, tacos, tostadas, snacks and a host of other selections. Formal dining will be replaced with ordering your meal and choosing from an array of salsas. Watch for the reopening mid-February.

WEEKEND SCENE: Phyllis Hyman at Kimball's East...Salsa Caliente Friday and Avance Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Ed Kelly, Dick Hindman, Mark Levine and Dick Whittington Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Josh Jones Friday and Oscar Meyer Blues Beat Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Resort... The Move in the Ducks & Co. Lounge at the Ramada Hotel... West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

Taj Mahal and Alvin Youngblood Hart at Yoshi's NiteSpot... Jim Brown at Scott's...Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Brenda Boykin Friday and Joyce Cooling Saturday at the Baltic...Soul University Friday in the Sports Edition Bar at the Oakland Airport Hilton...Calvin Keyes Friday and Caravan of All-Stars Saturday at the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame.

COMEDY SCENE: David Feldman and Barry Weintraub at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Kevin Jordan and Huck Flynn at Tommy T's San Ramon... **SAN FRANCISCO:** Henry Cho at the Punch Line... Wendy Liebman at Cobb's Comedy Club.

GREAT HARVEST BREAD CO.

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Saturday, February 11, 1995

Well, it's not exactly a Grand Opening, since we've been open about a month. It's a great, big thank you to all our loyal customers and, in an effort to introduce new customers to our products, we will be giving away a Free Loaf of our Honey Whole Wheat to every person who brings in the coupon from the bottom of this page on Saturday, February 11. "That's Crazy" you say? I suppose so. But that's why we went into business. We're crazy about this bread. There are no added fats, oils, dairy products or preservatives in any of our breads and yet they will keep fresh on your counter for at least a week. "Impossible" you say. No, not exactly. You see, we do some things that aren't considered standard baking practices anymore. Like stone grinding our organic Montana whole wheat into flour every baking day. We painstakingly hand knead every loaf prior to baking. Some people might say it's an antiquated way of baking. We prefer to call it "old fashioned". It's probably the way you would bake if you had the time.

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Albany Chamber of Commerce

Unusual variety at Rituals Gift Shop

For unusual and a vast variety of gifts not found in stores in this area, Rituals Gift Shop, 1106 Solano Ave., just may have the gift for the one who has everything.

Owners Mel and Billie Gray, and their daughter Elizabeth, are on hand at the store every day offering their talents as well as their merchandise.

Billie designs and custom makes wedding gowns, costumes, ceremonial gowns, as well as any custom tailoring needed.

Some of the gift items in the store include handcrafted jewelry, herbs, essential oils, bath salts, incense (cone, stick or wand), stone candles that glow, bee wax, regular, voltine and tapered candles, religious books of various kinds, tarot cards, wooden, brass and ceramic incense holders, and charcoal burners. Almost everyday a new item is added.

The first part of March will begin a monthly calendar of various types of entertainment that will alternately feature dance, singing, poetry reading and instrumental music.

They will also hold different religious and mythology classes.

Each year the Grays participate in the Renaissance Faire with Billie in full costume singing, greeting guests or selling specialty items.

Having a special feeling for Albany, the Grays opened their store last November and hope to make this new venture their future, eventually giving the store to Elizabeth, who now attends Merritt College. Daughter Jennifer is a student at Contra Costa College.

Having no spare time these days, Mel would like to squeeze in a bit of fishing, gold and photography as he did in "pre-store" days.



Mel and Billie Gray of Rituals Gift Shop

Billie participates in poetry circles, singing and writing poetry.

Rituals store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday through Saturday, and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

American Legion Post 292 Crab Feed

For an "all you can eat" crab feed, tickets are available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce for Albany American Legion's Post 292's last crab feed of the season, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 17. This popular dinner includes all the crab you can eat, salad, baked beans, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support youth groups and other civic projects.

The dinner will be held at the Veterans'

Memorial Building, Portland and Ramona avenues.

Reservations must be made by Feb. 13 through the Chamber office or through Roy Holland, 526-2891; Keith Truax, 526-4487; Ian Ball, 525-5230; Gus Graban, 526-0379; or Sam Turner, 526-0837.

1995 Calendars Available

Wall, desk, and wallet calendars and pocket planners for 1995 may be picked up at the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave., courtesy of Chamber members, Realtors and insurance agents.

Al Caruso & Associates, Rita Smith Realtor and Compass Realty (Bob Flynn) have donated picturesque wall calendars; Norm Williams Realtor has given desk calendars. Caruso gave a supply of wallet-sized calendars and Flynn gave the pocket planners. There is a limited supply of each.

Chamber hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cornell School Class of 1924 Needs Identity

If anyone can identify students of the 1924 third-grade class of Cornell School from a class photograph now at the Chamber office, it would be deeply appreciated.

The photograph will be in the Chamber office until the end of March.

Help for Allergies

With spring and allergy season approaching, Robins Zhang, O.M.D., M.S., is offering new treatment and preventatives for asthma and hayfever sufferers.

Those allergic to grasses, trees, animals, flowers, dust, and other causes of allergies can receive relief, according to Dr. Zhang.

Zhang said the Bay Area has the largest number of people suffering from allergies versus other portions of the state.

"In my 30 years' experience I have cured

people in China as well as in California," stated. "Because the function of the immune system is low and sensitive to the change environment, I use acupuncture and herbs medicine."

He continued, saying he can make the lungs and kidneys stronger, and the entire Yin and Yang in balance. Dr. Zhang said problems may be cured forever.

Out of 34,000 asthma and hayfever patients, Dr. Zhang said 89.6 percent, according to statistics, were cured, and the balance improved. The treatment generally takes two to three months.

He has treated patients for diabetes, arthritis, premenstrual syndrome, depression, energy, impotence and bronchitis.

The office is located at 1284 Solano Ave. regular office hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, Saturdays, evenings and home visits are at the same rates as a regular office visit. 527-7608.

Fabulous Dolls From Russia

"Fabulous Dolls From Russia" is how Gardyne, owner of The Brass Horse dolls described dolls she recently purchased at the Nancy Jo Doll Show, the largest in North California.

These 21-inch porcelain dolls represent different regions of Russia and are costume historically accurate as shown in the St. Petersburg Museum. The artist is Alexander Kukoniva, recognized by the Minister of Culture in Russia as producing the most historically accurate costumes.

Gardyne purchased the prototypes from Kukoniva and will make a limited edition dolls which should be available in 12 weeks. Orders may be placed with Gardyne now, will range from \$600 to \$950. The Brass Horse is located at 615 San Pablo Ave. Phone 526-

FITNESS & HEALTH

Courthouse Athletic Club

The Courthouse Athletic Club provides facilities and services geared towards the general health maintenance and

rehabilitative needs of its members, accomplished under the close guidance and supervision of certified health and exercise specialists.

Voted "Bay Area's Best" for five years, the Courthouse offers a neighborly, non-glitz environment where courteous

and attentive staff are readily available to assist members with their fitness needs.

In addition to traditional exercise options such as lap swimming, strength training, cardiovascular equipment and an extensive range of "Bay Area's Best" exercise classes, featuring New Powerboards, Aerobics, Step and Circuit Training, the Courthouse offers alternative exercise options such as Aqua Fitness and Gentle Aerobics for those who find traditional exercise options unsuitable.

Additional services include Personal Training, Massage, Blood Chemistry and Nutrition analysis, and for active moms and dads, childcare. Memberships are inclusive with whirlpool, sauna, locker and towel services and free parking. 834-5600.

Danspace, A Ballet School

Danspace offers classical ballet training for all ages in a friendly, nourishing environment. Young children start in our SERENDIPITY program which introduces them to the creativity and artistry of dance movement. Beginning at age 6, children can enter the BALLET program which emphasizes a careful basic training of the young body, and a solid foundation for further study. ADULT BALLET classes are offered 6 days a week with elementary through advanced levels.

Director Beth Jahn Hoge founded Danspace in 1979 after a lengthy dance career in New York and Los Angeles, which included

dancing and teaching at the metropolitan Opera Ballet. Her teaching philosophy stems from the conviction that building confidence and self-esteem promotes future learning success, and happiness in life.

Danspace is conveniently located 3 blocks from the Rockridge BART, at 473 Hudson St., near College Ave. in Oakland. Call (510) 420-0920 for a schedule and more information.

Dr. Sonia's Weight Smart/Wellness Program

Dr. Sonia Ghaemi, a Registered Dietitian and the creator and author of Dr. Sonia's Weight Smart/Wellness Program, is a specialist in food therapy dealing with women's health issues, particularly food craving, mood

swings, menopause, weight management. She holds a B.S., B.A. and M.S. in research, culinary arts, consulting to her practice, holds a B.S., B.A. and M.S. degrees in Nutrition and Dietetics as well as a Doctorate in International Education with an emphasis in psychology from the University of San Francisco. She served as Chairwoman of the United Nations-U.S.A. Women's Health and Nutrition Committee. She has been abroad and in the Bay Area, San Francisco State University as well as Merritt College.

According to Dr. Ghaemi, with over twenty years of international research, teaching consulting, dealing with menopause doesn't necessarily require hormone therapy, it can, for some, often be dealt with naturally through food therapy. Food therapy as medicine in dealing only with menopause prevention and treatment diseases such as osteoporosis, cancer, depression, Alzheimer's disease, craving, and weight management as well as currently counsels patients well as hosting workshop support groups regarding issues.

"I believe that it's important for people to realize that the natural alternatives to hormone therapy in dealing with the menopause." Dr. Ghaemi Food and/or herbs are the body and the soul. People understand how works on our body and why it works that opens up a whole new world. Our patients learn food as fun, entertaining, extremely important to quality of life."

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East Bay Events This Week



Keiko Hamilton, left, John Rose and Shawn Williams are three of the singers in Oakland Lyric Opera's 'Love, Romance and Passion,' at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

An evening of favorites from opera

Oakland Lyric Opera, which made an auspicious debut last month, is presenting a program of the best-loved arias and scenes from opera. They are woven together around the adventures of Harlequin (Don Coles) and his search for love. This is very like the premise of part of last month's program, which was hugely entertaining mainly because the operatic excerpts were so beautifully performed. The cast includes Buffy Baggott (the unforgettable Mother of last month's *Amahl*) as well as Claudia Waite (who sang Leonora in S.F. Opera's *Trovatore* last fall), Andrea Baker (a Met Opera finalist) and more than a dozen others.

The selections include Musetta's waltz from *La Boheme*, Olympia's aria and the Barcarolle from *Tales of Hoffmann*, 'Uno voce poco fa' from *Barber of Seville* and the Seguedilla from *Carmen*. Champagne and dessert are included in the price of admission, which is \$18 (\$15 seniors/students, \$10 for kids 16 and under). There are two performances, at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Scottish Rite Center, 1546 Lakeside Drive. Call 531-4231 for reservations.

Harpisichord recital at MusicSources

Harpisichordist Byron Schenkman plays music of Johann Jacob Froberger, "the father of German harpsichord," and of Frescobaldi and Couperin, at 5 p.m. Sunday at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Tickets are \$15 (\$15 seniors/students). Call 528-1685 for reservations.

Songs of love at Venezia

Soprano Amanda Charan and pianist Jerry Kuderna team up for a recital mainly of love songs Sunday at 2 p.m. at Venezia, 1799 University Ave. (at Grant) in Berkeley. The program includes works by Gounod, Debussy, Rodrigo, Mozart, Schubert and others. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call 49-4681 for reservations.



Amanda Charan

More events



Violetta (Jillian Khuner) and Alfredo (Jorge Gomez)

Berkeley Opera's 'Traviata'

Berkeley Opera opens its 1995 season with eight performances of Verdi's tearjerker 'La Traviata,' the story of the courtesan with a heart of gold who gives up her lover to protect his reputation. Performances are 8 p.m. Feb. 17, 18, 24 and 25; at 7 p.m. Feb. 19; at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23; and at 2 p.m. Feb. 26. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for children/students). On Feb. 17, 18 and 25, an optional dinner is offered at 6:15 p.m. at \$25 more. All performances are at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley. Call 444-8575 for reservations.

Upcoming productions. The rest of the company's season consists of concert performances of Berlioz' 'Beatrice and Benedict' (March 24 to April 1) and Dvorak's 'Rusalka' (May 12 to 14) and a fully staged version of Donizetti's 'Elixir of Love' (July 14 to 30). A season subscription is available at 21 percent less than individual tickets. Call 841-1903 to buy one.

'Daisy' a low-key look at friendship and racism

Oakland Civic Theatre's production is evocative and effective.

By Don McConnell

On Saturday Oakland Civic Theatre opened its four-weekend run of Alfred Uhry's deceptively genial play *Driving Miss Daisy*. It was a production that successfully evoked a simpler—but not better—period in American history.

Stage

Most people know the drama from the Oscar-winning movie version, but even if the addition of scenery seems like it might be a good idea in a play so lacking in crisis, or even dramatic climax, nothing more is really needed. With three actors and an all-purpose set consisting of a desk, a telephone stand and four or five chairs, *Driving Miss Daisy* creates its own scenery, compellingly evoking Georgia in the three decades following World War II.

It's hard to believe how little incident there is in the piece. The set-up is simple: a white businessman hires a black driver for his 72-year-old mother after she totals her new car, and despite her objection that she won't have someone sitting in her kitchen, eating her food and talking about her with the housekeeper.

The play follows their relationship for the next 25 years, as he gradually becomes—as she tells him late in the play—her best friend. That progression, from mistrust to comfortable companionship, is one thread of the play. Another is the overt—as opposed to the unspoken—commentary on bigotry. For Daisy Werthan is no Scarlett O'Hara. She's a Jew and, more important to her self-image, she is someone who was born so poor that her family couldn't afford to feed a cat.

Daisy resists having a driver less because it suggests she is growing incompetent than because she fears her friends will think she's putting on the airs of a rich person. She never invokes the closer kinship that comes from the fact that both she and her driver, Hoke, belong to pariah classes—Jew and Negro. This is the second thread of the plot, and



Hoke (Keith Johnson) bears the nagging of Miss Daisy (Marilyn Kamelgarn) for missing a turn on the way to Mobile, even though she insists of holding the map.

it produces the play's only dramatic climax. When Hoke can't drive Daisy to the synagogue because it has been bombed, he disturbs her greatly by comparing the bombing to a childhood memory of seeing the hanging, lynched body of the father of a friend.

However much Daisy cherishes Hoke, she never quite treats him as an adult.

Daisy cuts off the discussion—she cannot confront human hatred as expressed by either the bombing or the lynching, and she later sneers at her son for being afraid to attend a dinner for Martin Luther King (his fear is that it would hurt business).

All of this is delivered with an accuracy to character and period that is a small miracle. (Except, perhaps, the notion that a 72-year-old needs a driver. The first time I saw this play, my driver was a woman in her 90s; but I

suppose you could make a case that mature-driver courses—and a rethinking of the abilities of senior citizens—is as much a feature of very modern times as our ideas about racism.)

A less skilled playwright would never have passed up the opportunities for speechifying that the play's situations offer. Hoke and Daisy say what such characters would have said in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. We never hear the rhetoric of the '60s, because by then, our characters are well into old age.

It's even possible that Uhry means us to accept the play on this level—a story of two people who overcome differences in race and background to find warmth and mutual support. When I saw the play last October, in a dinner theater in a Nebraska town of 20,000, in an exclusively white audience with an average age of over 60, that's the level at which the play worked best.

On Saturday, I watched it looking past the head of a young African-American woman in the row ahead of me, and the play gained a subtext of considerable irony. Because no matter how

much Daisy comes to cherish Hoke, she never quite treats him as an adult or, frankly, as a full-fledged human.

Whether it's Uhry's achievement, or a gloss the playgoer adds for himself, *Driving Miss Daisy* is a remarkable slice of social history.

OCT's three actors give the play its full measure, although without making you think of Oscars. Marilyn Kamelgarn gives us a Daisy much less acerbic than the script would allow, but she convincingly portrays a character whose contradictions seldom interfere with her self-assurance.

Keith Johnson is excellent as Hoke, conveying a sense of physical power that has been permanently tamed. That may be reading something into it, but it was an effective performance. So was Don Bialik's as Daisy's businessman son, though it was hard to believe so gentle a character could run a printing plant.

OCT's resident director, Ted Smalley, directed the production.

Daisy plays at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 25. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 seniors/students); call 452-2909.

Valentine special from Madeline Eastman

By Charles Levin

Looking for a romantically jazzy Valentine's Day? How about going "Straight Ahead to Brazil" with jazz diva Madeline Eastman. One of San Francisco's leading vocalists presents romantic music for two with two bands and two sounds.

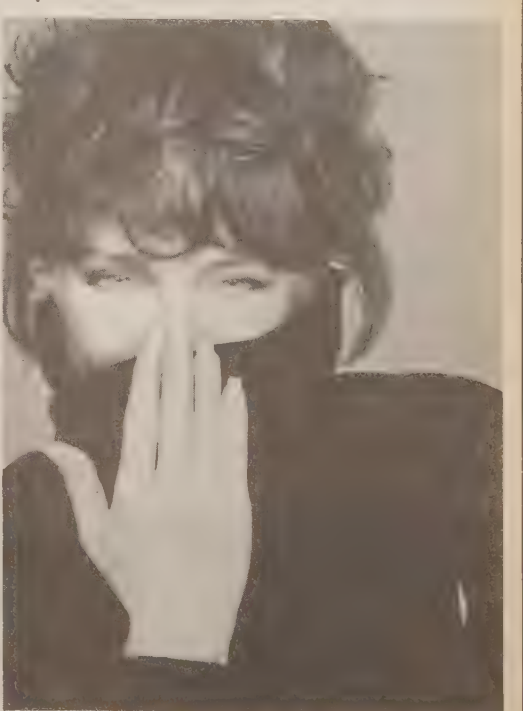
The 3 p.m. show on Tuesday features jazz stalwarts Jeff Chimenti, piano; John Witala, bass; and (Eastman hubby) Vince Lateano, drums.

Eastman's voice has an elastic quality straddling speech and song.

At 10 p.m. she heads south of the border with the Bay Area's best Brazilian players including Marcos Silva, piano; David Belove, bass; Paul van Wageningen, drums; and Michael Spiro, percussion.

Eastman, possessed of flawless intonation and rhythm, teases listeners by laying way back on the beat (à la Betty Carter) and stretching notes with the slow, deliberate motion of lava lamp fluids. So much the better. Her voice has a wonderfully elastic quality—especially when she straddles speech and song.

Eastman will no doubt draw



Madeline Eastman

from her three records—*Point of Departure*, *Mad About Madeline* and *Art Attack*—released on the Mad-Kat label she co-owns with fellow chanteuse Kitty Margolis.

Last month she packed them in at the Blue Note in New York to great reviews.

A special three-course dinner, with champagne and rose, will be served for \$35 for the 8 p.m. show.

Regular admission is \$12. Kimball's East is at 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. For more information, call 658-2555.

East Bay Events continued

Geoff Hoyle premieres his new comedy at Berkeley Repertory Theatre

Geoff Hoyle appears in the premiere of his new two-person comedy *Genius*, which opened yesterday at the **Berkeley Repertory Theatre**. Exploring "time-honored comic subjects like old age, death and decay," the play follows Hoyle on a time-travel fantasy that takes him to ancient Rome, medieval Europe and the Belle Époque, with the help of a genie. **Sharon Lockwood**, the hilarious spinster in last season's *Triumph of Love* and the equally over the top in this season's *Caucasian Chalk Circle*, is the other actor. Hoyle was in Rep productions of *Endgame*, *Volpone* and his own *The Convict's Return*.

Tony Taccone directs this new play, which runs at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, through March 24, with 2 p.m. matinees Feb. 11, 16 and 25 and March 2, 11 and 16, all at 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$25 to \$32.50 with various discounts. Call 845-4700 for reservations or more details.

Banana Slug String Band at the Morgan

The Kidshows Performing Arts Series for Children presents the **Banana Slug String Band** in two shows Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater. The band, a "quartet of upbeat, credentialed science teachers and naturalists," blends environmental themes and entertainment. Their repertoire includes the rap song "Nature Rap" and a jazzy ode to oxygen, "Air Cycle." Shows are at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7; call 943-7469. The theater is at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley.

Klezmer live and on film at U.C. Theatre

On Sunday, the U.C. Theatre is screening *The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozlowski, His Life and Music*, along with a live concert by **Klezmania**, one of the area's most popular klezmer bands.

Klezmer is energetic Jewish folk music originally played by itinerant bands in Eastern Europe and revived in the United States as Jewish Jazz or Yiddish Dixieland. *The Last Klezmer* is the story of Kozlowski, the last of the Polish musicians who grew up in the klezmer tradition of pre-World War II Europe. The U.C. Theatre is at 2036 University Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6267 for show times or other details.

Rick Najera: Pain of the Macho

La Peña Cultural Center presents comedian **Rick Najera** in 10 sketches collectively titled "The Pain of the Macho," exploring the mechanics of Latino machismo.

The show is tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 the day of the show, \$6 with student ID. La Peña is at 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Call 849-2568 for more information.



Rick Najera

Two youth orchestra concerts on Sunday

Two East Bay youth orchestras perform Sunday: At 4 p.m., the **Berkeley Youth Orchestra** performs Haydn's Symphony No. 25 and short pieces by Gliere, Satie, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Vaughan Williams and Copland, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Suggested donation is \$3. At 7 p.m. the chamber music program of the **Young People's Symphony Orchestra** performs Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Malcolm Arnold, Beethoven, Telemann and Renaissance composer Matthew Locke (plus Viennese desserts and coffee), at Ratto's, 821 Washington St., Oakland. Adults \$30, children \$15. Call 849-9776.

Women's Orchestra plays French music

The **Community Women's Orchestra** presents a program of music by Ravel, Francaix, Fauré and Chabrier, and Symphony No. 3 of Louis Fauré (1804-1873).

The concert, conducted by **Ann Krinitsky**, is at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday at Le Conte School, 2241 Russell St., Berkeley. Suggested donation is \$5 (kids \$2 or canned food). Call 428-1350 if you need more details.

The orchestra is an amateur group founded 10 years ago by the Women's Philharmonic.

'Wearable Art Fashion Stroll' on Sunday

Natica Angilly's Poetic Dance Theater Company and the **Center for Visual Arts** present "Love Poets on Parade" at 1 p.m. Sunday in front of the CVA gallery, 713 Washington St., Oakland. Also on the program is the "Wearable Art Fashion Stroll," the crowning of the queen and king of wearable art, and a performance inside the gallery by the Poetic Dance Company. Free.

Call 538-1013 for details.

Koto jazz ensemble at Oakland Museum

The **Murasaki Ensemble** combines traditional Japanese instruments (four kotos and shakuhachi), with modern Western ones (guitar, flute, percussion) to perform both jazz and folk music built on a base of traditional Japanese music.

The group performs at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Oakland Museum's James Moore Theatre, 1000 Oak St., to celebrate the release of a CD, *Niji* (Japanese for Rainbow).

Tickets are \$15 (\$12.50 seniors/kids under 13). Call 482-1640 for reservations.

'Boys' is rich in missed opportunities

Good acting doesn't rescue a witless knockoff of *'Thelma and Louise.'*

By Renata Pelt

Take *Thelma and Louise*, add one woman, subtract all the wit and edge, and you've got *Boys on the Side*.

The two films share more than their theme of women bonding. There's the story of a woman on the lam for having killed a man who abused her; there's the road-movie angle.

Movies

In addition, *Boys*, directed by Herbert Ross (*Funny Girl*, *The Turning Point*, *Steel Magnolias*) and written by Don Roos (*Love Field*, *Single White Female*), throws in a handful of hip, timely topics—and then proceeds to do nothing with them. (If you're determined to see the film, better stop reading now, because I'm about to spill all its secrets.)

The women in question are Jane (Whoopi Goldberg), an underemployed lesbian lounge singer who decides to flee New York for the (she hopes) greener pastures of L.A.; Robin (Mary-Louise Parker, of *The Client* and *Bullets over Broadway*), an uptight white real-estate agent, whose ad for a co-driver to California Jane answers; and Holly (Drew Barrymore, from *E.T.*, *Guncrazy*, and *Bad Girls*), Jane's trampy friend whom they take west with them after she fatally clobbers her violent drug-dealer boyfriend.

Robin, who cries over *The Way We Were* and likes to sing Carpenters songs, is set up to seem as sappy and white-bread as her neat pageboy hairstyle and velvet headband.

But, we find out in a series of



Whoopi Goldberg, left, Mary-Louise Parker and Drew Barrymore have adventures on the L.A., in 'Boys on the Side.'

flashbacks, she's never stopped grieving over a brother who died in childhood. And to humanize her further, there's more: Robin has AIDS.

The AIDS angle, like Jane's being a lesbian, seems to be in the film simply for effect. The sudden onset of AIDS-related pneumonia causes the three women to interrupt their trip for a long stay in Tucson (where, without a visible nickel of income among them, they rent a stunning Southwest-style house); but, for all that's done with it, the illness could just as well be diabetes, or TB.

We don't find out how the square Robin contracted the disease, and like the flashbacks about her brother, it serves only to enhance the pathos that she's supposed to arouse.

The film misses other opportunities to create suspense or meaning. When the three women, on the run from the law, find themselves in a diner with several cops, nothing happens. When Holly is finally brought to justice, the film misses the chance to say something about her deed and how she feels about it. It could just as well have been shoplifting.

Boys on the Side is likeable enough, when you can stop gagging about obvious devices like the "liberation" of Robin and her even more conventional mother, who comes to visit, when they each bring themselves to say a certain four-letter word for female genitalia.

A scene set at an Arizona fiesta is colorful and atmospheric. I liked some of the minor characters—Matthew McConaughey as a cop too cutely named Abe Lincoln, Anita Gillette as Robin's mother, Estelle Parsons as a frowzy fortune teller.

The best surprise, though, is Drew Barrymore, whose performances since *E.T.* I've missed till now. She's a natural-born charmer: cute, flirtatious, entirely inside her character as the unliberated, sexy Holly.

'Boys on the Side' is likeable enough when you can stop gagging about its obvious devices.

Poor Mary-Louise Parker gets to realize that "there's nothing goes on between" before she wastes another moment. Whoopi only comes alive in brief musical scenes.

OET notes Black History Month

Play reading

The Oakland Ensemble Theatre celebrates African-American History Month with a play reading and a program about African-American scientists. The first is a stage reading (and post-show discussion) of Robert Alexander's *Will He Bop or Will He Drop*, "the story of a struggling artist who tries to maintain his sanity while awaiting success," at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St., Oakland. Tickets are \$5; call 763-7774.

Science program

The second program, *Outta Sight*, is a co-production with the Lawrence Hall of Science and features students in OET's Stage-fest program and storyteller Tureeda Mikel. *Outta Sight* shows how knowledge of African-

American contributions in outer space affects the lives of two inner-city children. The free show will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hall of Science, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Call 642-5132 (LHS) or 763-7774 (OET) for more details.

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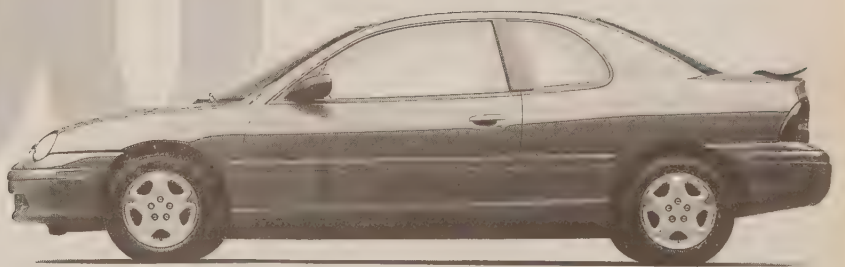
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"The Mighty Monte" - Chevrolet's "Monte Carlo" Returns



By David Fetherston

Chevrolet's famed Monte Carlo name tag returns for '95 attached to a completely new coupe. The Monte Carlo name was sidelined when Chevrolet introduced the Lumina name tag in mid-1988.

However, Chevrolet hopes all is not forgotten for the model which carried Chevrolet to the winners' circle so many times that it can claim to be the most successful NASCAR marque of all time. The Monte Carlo took Dale Earnhardt to three Winston Cup Championships and Richard Petty to his last championship.

The 1995 Monte Carlo now replaces the boxy looking Lumina coupe which has not sold particularly well for Chevrolet up against the Thunderbird. The new model is actually a two-door Lumina as it shares many parts with a four-door Lumina sedan. Just a little "badge-engineering" here, folks.

Two basic models - the LS and the Z34 - are being offered and apparently Chevrolet are already delighted with the response the new models have produced. Dealers have placed over 40,000 orders even before it was due in the showroom, according to Bill O'Neil, head of Chevrolet's PR department.

I tried out both versions of the Monte Carlo recently on a two-day driving excursion up the coast on Highway 1 to Mendocino.

To put this new Model in frame immediately - it's not a hot rocket all fired up ready to run with a Corvette. Rather, Chevrolet have delivered a comprehensive package which mixes handling, comfort and style into the coupe rather like mixing honey and oats into a good loaf of whole wheat bread.

It's got all the goodies now either mandated or sought after by new car buyers including dual air

bags, ABS brakes, 16" alloy wheels with 225/60 HR tires. It's a good looking car and carries four in comfort.

With all these features Chevrolet are hoping that the Monte Carlo will bring back a chunk of Chevy buyers who were turned off by the folksy looking Lumina coupe.

The Z34 model is offered with a 210 horsepower four-cam V6 and a 4T60-E four speed electronic automatic. No manual version is offered which is a shame, but so few people are opting for stick shift transmissions that GM decided the money would be better spent on other development projects.

The styling is a dramatic variation of the jellybean look which has become popular - curves rolling off every surface, big molded headlights, small grille opening and a large glass area. In many respects it's simple and neatly done, yet it doesn't have the sharp raspy character of the earlier Monte Carlo SS.

Inside are all the toys we like and want from Detroit - tilt wheel, bucket seats, air conditioning, power steering, power windows and locks, AM/FM cassette radio, and automatic transmission with floor shift and console. It's a well equipped coupe as one would expect bearing in mind its \$20,000 price tag.

The seating comfort approaches that of a well tailored armchair that travels at 60 mph. The wide back and dished lower squab are big enough to accommodate a wide range of "buckets" but lightly built drivers may find the seat does not offer enough lateral support on long drives.

The rear seat is quite comfortable with a goodly amount of leg room so families with teenage kids could consider the coupe for daily transportation. The rear seat also offers a split pass-through for carrying long objects in the trunk.

Like the styling of most coupes, the Monte Carlo has poor rear-quarter visibility and you must be sure when passing or turning that you know where all the traffic is before making your move.



The 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

On the road it is a competent drive producing a happy blend of handling and ride that will tell you well in advance that the boundary of its handling capability is approaching. Running down Highway 1, the Monte Carlo will run well over the posted limit, should you wish. The wind noise factor is well down on the previous level, producing a nicely quiet and isolated interior.

On the Z34 210 horsepower are delivered from the four-cam, 3.4 liter V6 which gives it a crisp ac-

celeration edge. This translates into 0-60 mph rolling up in 7.8 seconds with a top speed of just over 120 mph.

The new Monte Carlo is sure to please buyers. The base line LS version starts around \$16,000 and with the feature-packed Z34 selling for \$20,000, Chevrolet are betting that buyers who want value for money in a mid-sized American-built coupe will go shopping in their dealerships.

The new Monte Carlo is a long way down the road from the old

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Chevrolet Impala

by David Fetherston

Even with years of down-sizing, re-sizing and import invasions Detroit has never let go of its roots; full-sized sedans. These leviathans of the road have, until recently,

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it a dramatic all-round improvement for American designed automobiles. Many family built cars have become smaller and more efficient and become sellers.

Detroit had good reason to cling to its roots. Government agencies, police, fire and the taxi industry all demanded traditional sized Detroit automobiles. The Chevrolet Caprice was to continue when most of the market wanted smaller automobiles.

Sales were initially slow, then while back Chevrolet turned out concept sporty Caprice called Impala SS for the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers' Association shows in Las Vegas.

The press reaction to the Impala SS was exceedingly positive. Within a month of the show, Chevrolet had committed building a limited number of Impalas for '94 and a full production run for '95.

The Caprice evolving into the Impala SS is a true-to-life "Toad the Princess" story. When the Caprice originally emerged it was in all kinds of names such as "Toad the Whale." Now all is forgiven and the Chevrolet advertising would read "Real American."

In many ways it was relatively easy for Chevrolet to build the SS. They simply robbed the stock parts of performance pieces and then added a few custom items to finish the package. But don't read this wrong, it's not a cobbled together sort of works.

The combination of Corvette V8, re-tuned police suspension and steering, huge 17-inch wheels, an ABS four wheel disc brake package, a luxury leather interior and all black paintwork have created a muscular, fun to drive, family performance machine that comes complete for under \$24,000. Now that's worth waiting about.

The Impala SS isn't designed for drag racing but its roots are mainly there. Everything the old SS didn't do well, this new one does with gusto. The combination of re-tuned heavy-duty police suspension, huge 17 x 8.5 wheels topped with meaty P225/50ZR Goodyear Comp T/A's, quick rack steering and four wheel ABS assisted braking have created a performance sedan that has a uniquely American flavor.



The 1995 Chevrolet Impala.

formance sedan that has a uniquely American flavor.

Comparing the SS to a BMW or Japanese sporty sedan is like arguing whether power boats or sail boats are better when they are both fine in the right situation.

The Impala reminds me of a good all-round ball player. It can field, pitch and run. Inside it has comfort for five with two huge leather-faced bucket seats up front and three across rear seating with enormous leg room. The dash is simplistic and not true to the performance car idiom lacking a tach, engine data gauges and a floor shifter, however, it covers the lack of these items with dual air bags, center armrests and console.

On the two-lane twisties the SS does a great job for a big rear-drive automobile. It can cut a fine line on tight turns, planting a firm foot on the road. To its merit it can also deal with rapid or evasive lane changes with surprising aplomb.

The huge Goodrich T/A tires no doubt have a lot to do with its handling prowess but the re-tuned police suspension package is well blended to give the SS a good combination of ride and handling. On the skid pad it can deliver a number around 0.85g which is significant when you realize that an LT1 Corvette can only pull .91g.

Power is supplied via a down-rated, 350 cubic inch Corvette LT1 V8. While the Corvette can deliver a 300 horsepower punch, the SS has 260 horsepower/330 foot pounds of torque on tap delivered via cast-iron heads and exhaust manifold and a GM port fuel injection system.

It is backed up to a four-speed electronic automatic which does a fine job with positive firm shifting under acceleration while smoothly blending up-shifts at freeway speeds. The engine transmission combo works well, delivering 15 second flat quarter mile times, 0 to 60 mph of 6.6 second and a top speed just over 140 mph.

When the Caprice first arrived I was one of the first to chuckle at "the road whale." But I guess Chevrolet has the last laugh this time. For \$24,000 the SS packs a

lot of fun, style, power and punch into a big American muscle car. For my money it not only represents a new direction of full-sized domestic automobiles but is the perfect vehicle for the guy who once owned a Z/28 Camaro and now has three kids.

The "Two-step Queen of Detroit" is now doing break-dancing and if you can talk your grandmother into buying an SS and leaving it to you in her will, go ahead. This is the Chevy that broke the mold.

Bank of America Launches New Electric Shuttle Bus

Bank of America has introduced into service a new electric shuttle bus in downtown Los Angeles. The zero-emission vehicle replaces a diesel bus currently in place and will transport bank employees on a route that includes downtown BofA facilities as well as Union Station.

According to U.S. Electric, a California-based manufacturer of the bus, BofA is the first private company in the United States to purchase and put into operation an electric-powered vehicle for its public road transportation fleet.

"Replacing a diesel bus with an electric vehicle is part of our corporate commitment to protect the environment," said Rich Harrison, BofA senior vice president for environmental policies and programs. "Almost four years ago we became the first major U.S. bank to adopt a set of environmental principles. We not only pledged to implement responsible practices in our operations, but also made a commitment to support new industries that are developing products and services that are beneficial to the environment."

BofA's electric shuttle bus was developed with the support of two sponsors, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). The SCAQMD shared the cost of building the vehicle, and LADWP has provided the recharging site at the bank's downtown page.

"We're doubly pleased with Bank of America's contribution to clean transportation," said William Burke, vice chairman of

SCAQMD, "one, because clean transit buses like this will reduce smog and help preserve public health. And two, buying an electric vehicle from a California company shows that our state's economy can best grow by meeting the world's need for clean technologies."

As Los Angeles' energy supplier, the DWP is developing the infrastructure, such as charging stations, to support electric buses and vehicles throughout the city and make them easy and convenient to own and operate. "Through sponsorship of electric transportation projects such as Bank of America's new zero-emission electric shuttle bus, the DWP is leading the charge to make Los Angeles one of the most electric vehicle-friendly cities in the nation and to create a cleaner, healthier future for generations to come," said Tom Doughty, DWP director of electric transportation.

The vehicle is powered by 40 heavy-duty batteries delivering 120 volts to each of two motors. The bus can travel 35 miles before

recharging, and carries a maximum of 22 passengers. Features include a solar-powered, ozone-safe air conditioning system — the first such unit installed in a vehicle in California.

Bank of America employees who will be using the bus recently participated in a contest to select a name for the vehicle. The winning entry and official name for

the vehicle is B.O.L.T. (Battery Operated Local Transit).

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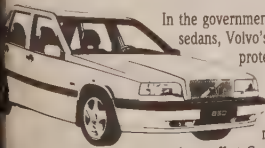


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Speed

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generally low volume of traffic, and do not serve as routes for buses or as primary routes for public safety vehicles, such as police cars and fire trucks.

They are not appropriate, he said, for arterials like Richmond Street or Ashbury Avenue.

One of the strongest statements from a citizen was made by Marshall Schumacher, a resident of Ashbury Avenue. He encouraged the council to reconsider its stop sign policy which, among other things, states that stop signs should not be used as a method of speed control.

"Young people love to gun it on Ashbury," he said. "A stop sign is an immediate solution, and it works."

Schumacher believes the traffic on Key Route Boulevard in Albany (the same street as Ashbury in El Cerrito) has reduced speeds specifically because of the extensive use that city makes of stop signs. With a major high school in each city's section of the street, conditions are basically the same, he said.

Though Schumacher believes only a few drivers speed while most drive safely, he challenged the notion that high speeds on Ashbury are just "a perception."

"It's a reality," he said.

In addition, Schumacher suggested that police presence on the street has changed. He said police officers had done traffic patrols on the street at least once a month "until a year ago."

"Now I've heard that's no longer possible," he said.

Barbara Davis, representing the West El Cerrito Neighborhood Council, asked that several more streets be considered for speed humps, including lower Potrero. She also made reference to the lack of enough police

presence from her neighborhood's perspective.

"When we see them slacking off, we call Chief Givens, and he puts more officers in," she said.

Resident John Baker called Potrero "a speedway between Richmond and San Pablo" for night drivers; often the same drivers are involved, he said. Baker called for the hiring of another officer if possible; "there's never any enforcement," he said.

It was Councilmember Cathie Kosel who first raised the possibility that a traffic officer be hired, noting that, despite financial cutbacks, the city has been able to accumulate a large amount of reserve funds.

"Is it time to use some of those reserves for what I perceive as a tremendous public safety hazard in the city?" she asked. "I'm in favor of doing whatever we need to do to increase the safety of the city (as concerns) disregard for traffic laws."

Kosel addressed the concept of citizens helping to pay for humps differently than some council members, who tended to support financial involvement by residents.

"At first blush, I liked the idea of citizen buy-in (as is done in Berkeley)," she said. "On the other hand, one could argue the obligation of the city to provide a safe street environment for our neighborhoods."

Jellison stressed the usefulness of placing speed humps "in our arsenal of...ways to address speeding on non-arterial streets...when we are made aware of concerns for safety by people who live in the neighborhood."

She said reduction of speed on arterials, such as the Arlington, Richmond, Fairmount and Ashbury, particularly during peak commute and to-and-from school

hours, is also a high priority. She called for a reevaluation of the city's traffic control policy, which includes warrants for installing stop signs.

Ritz said that, while she finds speed humps a nuisance, she is "willing to look at what's appropriate for our city." She wanted the discussion of humps deferred, however, until more information is available on the actual traffic conditions in neighborhoods requesting them and after "increasing enforcement."

"Enforcement is the most appropriate way to (control speeding)," she said.

La Force added his recommendation for using speed wagons to let drivers know how fast they're going. He also questioned whether the city has enough money for an additional officer at this time or whether adding one more would make a significant difference.

"We can't be everywhere with our little squad cars," he said.

Councilmember Jane Bartke, who lives near Arlington Boulevard, questioned the police department's current traffic enforcement strategies. She suggested that it might be "time for them to look" at their patterns of patrol and wondered whether officers were in the habit of checking out that neighborhood.

"When the police are there it works," she said.

Police chief Dan Givens, who was not present at the study session, said later that traffic laws are enforced citywide as much as possible.

"The issue is that we reduced our work force here several years ago," he said. "We do enforce up there (on the Arlington) as...time allows."

Because of financial cutbacks in the city's budget in the last several years, the police department has re-

duced its officer positions by five percent, whom were "on the street," two having been reassigned to traffic control, working radar and responding to traffic incidents.

El Cerrito no longer has any traffic officers, Givens said that, now, time and the nature of the call for service, (if there is an injury or a fatality) determines the response.

"When people call us, we respond as other call for service," he said. "Once we have an officer and the supervisor have to decide which priority — sitting there enforcing (which he said is sometimes done) or making another call."

The department is authorized to hire more positions, including administration, inventory, and patrol. When all positions are filled, Givens said, 24 officers assigned to the patrol division, the department is hiring for some positions.

As for replacing one of the traffic officers, Givens said, "Certainly if that is a priority for the community and a priority with the city, we would...direct that officer or officers to do that."

On the other hand, Givens believes that a final decision is made, the police department's priorities need to be looked at in the context of the city's budget, of the funding that's available.

The council will revisit the discussion of stop signs and police enforcement at a later date. It will include an evaluation of the city's current stop control, established in a 1985 resolution. Information staff will request from the city of its stop sign policies.

Cardroom

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was placed on the ballot not by voter initiative but at the behest of the city officials, who conceived, planned, developed and promoted the agreement with Ladbroke.

"This is an important case from the perspective of whether or not a local government can negotiate a deal with a private developer and then opt out of CEQA review by submitting it to the voters," Outis said.

City Attorney Robert Zweben and Vice President of Ladbroke John Ford repudiate Outis' claims.

"There are most definitely precedents where councils have placed things on the ballot and those outcomes have been upheld by the courts," said Ford.

"The assertion of legal improprieties will not stand up in court," Zweben said.

The complaint also calls into question the city and Ladbroke's commitment to mitigating the development's environmental impacts.

Mayor Mike Brodsky signed a development agreement with Ladbroke on Dec. 13, 1994 — the full text of which was reprinted in fine type in the voter hand-book.

Zweben said the city does not intend to eviscerate the CEQA review process — which requires either a negative declaration that environmental impacts can be easily and completely mitigated, or a full-scale environmental impact report, which specifically outlines the steps by which mitigation will be achieved.

It also provides for meaningful alternatives to the master plan.

According to Outis, the development agreement, in conjunction with other city legislation, prejudices the outcome of a CEQA review. "The reality of this is that the contract will dictate the results," he said.

Zweben said in response to those critics, "Arkin is trying to prejudice what the coming process will require... It is not fair nor intellectually honest to make claims you just don't know yet."

Ford called environmental review and mitigation concerns "disingenuous. There are 15 pages in the development agreement dealing with mitigation. There is absolutely no merit to that argument," he said.

By contrast, resident John Shively, a member of the Sierra Club who has joined citizens' group said, "If they had nothing to fear from the environmental report process, why didn't the city order one to begin with?"

Other parties, including Berkeley's City Council, echoed those concerns last year, asking Albany in writing to conduct a full environmental impact report.

Meanwhile, Ladbroke officials and city administrators are still negotiating the terms of the corporation's development application, said Ford.

"So far in the review of this complaint I don't see anything that Outis has raised that has sufficient merit to impact the project," he said.

Flood

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Dave Simpson is the Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Albany. For further information call 528-5775.

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The Name of the Business:
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Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Bart Starr McGlothlin, 26 Petar Ct., Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 6, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-127
The Name of the Business:
Norman & Gilbertson Sales Company, 200 Morris Ranch Road, Danville, CA 94526
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
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This business is conducted by a Co-Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-341
The Name of the Business:
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This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0232
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Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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The Name of the Business:
Shawn Pueblo Title, 2219 Bayberry Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Shawn Pueblo, 2219 Bayberry Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-146
The Name of the Business:
Mulkens Enterprises, 2925 Monument Blvd #53, Concord, CA 94520
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
David Mulkens, 2925 Monument Blvd #53, Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-37
The Name of the Business:
A.V. Landscapes, 26 Schupp Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Armando Garcia Vega, 315 E. San Fernando Street #22, San Jose, CA 95112
Armando Garcia Vega, 26 Schupp Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-7982
The Name of the Business:
D.J.R. International, 3818 Victor Street, Pinole, CA 94664
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
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This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 28, 1994
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-196
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This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 10, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-045
The Name of the Business:
U.S. International Trading Co., 1330 N. Broadway, Suite 212, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
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Bradley H. Smith, 4155 Kasli Ct., Concord, CA 94518
Frank W. Smith 245 Tamarisk Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-600
The Name of the Business:
Information Network, 214 Twinbridge Cr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, P.O. Box 6051, Concord, CA 94520
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Margaret E. Wade, 214 Twinbridge Cr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-495
The Name of the Business:
1) Any Road Press, 2) In Sight Productions, 190 El Centro Plaza, Suite 204, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Are hereby registered by the following Owner:
Sarah Shookley, 11368 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0052
The Name of the Business:
Quick Tax Service, 1542 Kearney St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Bay Financial Management Inc., 1542 Kearney St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-183
The Name of the Business:
Green Goods, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, Suite 340, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
David William Connell, 212 Stanford Ave., Kensington, CA 94708
Carolyn Kay Connell, 212 Stanford Ave., Kensington, CA 94708
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0035
The Name of the Business:
World-Fix Company, 9787 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Chiu-Hung Huang, 3767 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-590
The Name of the Business:
T. Alexander & Company, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Thomas Lee Alexander, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0045
The Name of the Business:
Studio D, 1375 Chaney Rd., P.O. Box 817, Alamo, CA 94507
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Donna Urini, 1375 Chaney Rd., Alamo, CA 94507
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This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 4, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0314
The Name of the Business:
Diamond Beauty Supply and Salon, 206 San

Pablo Towne Ct., San Pablo, CA 94606
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
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This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 90-6246
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Diamond Beauty Supply Hair Nail Salon, 206 San Pablo Towne Ct., San Pablo, CA 94606
The fictitious business name referred to above was used by the County of Contra Costa on October 26, 1990
Chieh D. Vu, 112 Ash Ct., Hercules, CA 94547
Ngoc Thi Luu, 112 Ash Ct., Hercules, CA 94547
This business was conducted by Individuals (husband and wife)
Signed: Ngoc Thi Luu
This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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National Business Associates, 3930 Piedmonte Ct., Concord, CA 94521
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Gary Allen Shaw, 3930 Piedmonte Ct., Concord, CA 94521
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0401
The Name of the Business:
Networking Solutions, 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
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This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 19, 1995
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-0284
The Name of the Business:
Divers Paradise, 2977 Ygnacio Valley Road #104, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
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This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
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ACCAL hoop: Reality sets in

O'Dowd takes showdown with El Cerrito to win the league title.

By Scott Kaplan

For the time being, reality (a.k.a. Bishop O'Dowd) has set in around the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys' hoop scene.

Just when it appeared the upstart El Cerrito Gauchos, loaded with talent and experience, were on the verge of taking a stranglehold in the ACCAL race, Mike Phelps' troops had a resounding answer.

His name is Dave Pendleton.

In a showdown pitting two league unbeaten, the 6-9 Pendleton went off, scoring a career-high 19 points to go along with 15 rebounds in the Dragons, 68-55, triumph.

The victory in front of an estimated 1,000 fans at El Cerrito High pretty much wraps up the regular-season league title for O'Dowd (19-4, 9-1 in the ACCAL), as El Cerrito (17-4, 7-1 in the ACCAL) fell into a second-place tie with St. Joseph.

Like the big ol' kid on the playground that kept the ball away from the littler ones by holding the ball above his head, Pendleton, with relative ease, dunked in basket after basket.

While it was a given that every time Pendleton touched the ball he was going to score (12-for-14 shooting), the key to victory was the Dragons' ability to cream El Cerrito on the boards.

O'Dowd outrebounded the Gauchos, 29-14. The Dragons turned in a whopping 20 points on follows off of missed shots.

"They got second and third shots all the time," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "You cannot give up those and expect to beat a team."

Averaging a combined 30 points per game going into Friday's match, Gaucho post players Marcel Davis and Davood Asgari were humbled by Pendleton and power forward Steve Mossall, getting outscored a combined, 46-8.

Davis, a 6-7 transfer from nearby St. Mary's, saw sporadic minutes due to foul trouble.

"We had no inside game," said El Cerrito guard Maceo Thomas who finished with 14 points. That was the difference."

El Cerrito fell behind, 15-10, after a quarter where a Thomas three-pointer capped off a 7-0 run to give the Gauchos their lone lead of the game.

A Dragon 10-2 spurt late in the first half put them ahead, 29-21, at the break.

In the second half O'Dowd never allowed El



Staff photo by Jeff Lindquist

Jamaar Cartwright can't stop Dave Pendleton from scoring two of his 29 points.

Cerrito to gather any sort of steam as it trailed by as many as 18 and no less than nine in the final 16 minutes.

For the losers, Carlmont High transfer Jalil Abdul-Latif (formerly Damon Lee) scored a team-high 17 points. Guard Raymond "Circus" King had just eight points but was strong on the defensive end with an assortment of steals.

Although it will be lost in the box score O'Dowd's playmaker Brian Smith was invaluable.

Smith, a 6-3 senior, dished out 10 assists, but more importantly, kept the Gauchos playing at the Dragons' tempo, not falling victim to El Cerrito's press nor King's wicked crossover dribble.

The loss for El Cerrito snapped its 16-game winning streak.

The Gauchos were also dealt another setback as sixth man Quincy Williams (8 ppg.) was declared academically ineligible before the contest. Williams is hoping to be reinstated in a couple of weeks.

Win over De La Salle gives Jackets a boost

By Peter Mentor

Jessie Gossett could not hide his enthusiasm.

Berkeley had finally beaten De La Salle for the first time in six years and it came at a crucial point in the season, making Gossett and his team a camp full of happy hoopsters.

The Yellowjackets had come close earlier this season in the league opener at Berkeley, but this time the Jackets took command and crushed the Spartans 75-59 on their home court in Concord.

"When was the last time we beat De La Salle at anything?," asked coach Gossett. "I told them we could do it. I told them to start listening to me and believe and they did in that game."

This was a win the Berkeley boys' basketball program wanted and needed to get to a different level of competition.

It brought Berkeley back into the fray of the post-season, with a shot at the Bay Valley Athletic League championship and a possible trip to the North Coast Section Division I playoffs.

The season took a serious twist when Berkeley knocked off previously unbeaten Pinole Valley in mid-January, but the Jackets showed it was no freak occurrence win when they beat Monte Vista 70-63 in another tough game on the road that same week.

Then came the De La Salle game and that win created some true believers.

Gossett had studied De La Salle and drilled his team on what to do and how to play them so they could win.

The Jacket players responded with one of their best games of the season and it was their belief that this could be done that carried them to victory.

"The kids played awful hard and we executed," said Gossett. "We watched tapes of them over and over and said this is the year we are going to beat them."

Berkeley kept the winning streak going by pounding Liberty 71-54 in Brentwood for their fifth win in a row.

Underlining these wins was the fact that the last three came on the road, a place where the Jackets feel most comfortable.

This week Berkeley had its toughest test since De La Salle in the rematch against Antioch at Berkeley Tuesday night that could make

Week of decision for soccer finale

By Peter Mentor

This is the final week for the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League soccer season and the question of which teams will make it to the league playoffs should be answered Monday night at Bishop O'Dowd in a meeting of the league coaches.

League commissioner Bob Roberts said the school athletic directors from all the teams met a week ago to talk about how the playoffs would work in this rain-shortened season.

Roberts said the plan is to allow teams to submit their 10 best games of the regular season "and from that we would combine the final standings for the playoffs."

That minimum number may not be firm, which is one

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El Cerrito victorious in Albany match-up

Peter Mentor

A lot of games make up the soccer season, but it's always something special when El Cerrito and Albany get together for their yearly

match. This is a game that both teams want to win more than any other. It is a local rivalry, a game of bragging rights in this one-time showdown between two schools that are less than a mile apart.

Monday night El Cerrito played to previously undefeated Albany, and the Gauchos came out with a 2-1 victory in a game well-played by both squads.

Part of what makes the game between the teams a rivalry this season is last year's outcome. In their regular season meeting El Cerrito scored first but Albany won 3-1, and in the divisional game the Cougars handed the Gau-

chos a 5-3 loss.

Albany went on to face Bishop O'Dowd in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League girls' soccer finals and lost 5-0, but both Albany and El Cerrito made it to the North Coast Section playoffs.

Even that didn't give the Cougars and Gauchos respect from the higher ups in the league — some complained the Gauchos did not deserve to go to NCS. But that is not the case this year.

This season the level of play has improved. It showed for both teams Monday night with plenty of speed, good moves, fine shots and brilliant saves even though the field was still muddy from the rains.

"It was the best game I've seen all year," said Albany coach Della Martinez. "It was better than any game we played last year. In a way I enjoyed it because I know how far

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Growing swim team seeks financial help

El Cerrito swim team has begun looking for itself for the 1995 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season and the first item on the team's checklist was to double in size from last season to 53 this year.

"Our growth has been exciting but also a little scary," said first-year junior varsity coach Cal Chun. "I think this is one of the largest teams in the school's history, but I'll need even more people to help Bishop O'Dowd or Berke-

Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the Fargo Bank, the team has been able to buy much needed equipment like new backstroke flags, a megaphone, flippers and other essential items, but like last season,

the team is struggling to raise the rental fees of \$3,000 to \$4,000 to pay for the off campus pool from the City of El Cerrito.

"We've done a multitude of fundraisers to raise the cash we need to rent the pool, from Cal Coke sales to Crab Feed's to our annual Aquathon," said Chun. "Our swimmers are pretty much burnt out not only from their swimming but also from the efforts and lengths they go through to raise this money."

"It's pretty hard on the whole team, but we keep morale and enthusiasm high by emphasizing that team work makes it work and that makes it fun and rewarding for everyone."

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Staff photo by Jeff Lindquist

Congratulations in order: Hannibal Navies, linebacker; Mike Tulasosopo, head coach; John Gradwohl, offensive coach, and J'Juan Cherry, running back and defensive back.

BHS seniors sign for Colorado Cherry and Navies granted full scholarships

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley High had its best season in years, and two players who helped make it happen are going on to play at the No. 3-ranked Division I college team in the nation this fall.

J'Juan Cherry and Hannibal Navies have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Colorado with full athletic scholarships.

The two Berkeley seniors signed last week in a ceremony at Berkeley High. Both are hoping to play football in their first year at the school and possibly run track.

Cherry had initially picked Arizona State after his first recruiting trip, but a few more trips to other schools allowed him to compare schools and he liked what he saw at Colorado. "The same opportunity I had to play at any school I had at

Colorado," said Cherry, whose brother Jerod played at Cal. "It's even more fun that the team is No. 3. It's no fun losing and since I'm used to winning now I want to win."

Cherry said he thought it would be cold in Colorado, but he found the weather warmer than the Bay Area, which means a lot to a player who may spend the next five years in that area.

Navies and Cherry took a lot of recruiting trips together: to UNLV, Arizona State and Colorado. Cherry looked at San Diego State and Navies at Washington State, but they decided Colorado was the place to be.

Both players may have been overlooked by some of the bigger schools had Berkeley continued its losing ways, but the Yellowjackets turned a 2-8 campaign a year ago into a 9-2 playoff team last season and that brought out

the scouts.

Cherry of a player

In his sophomore year Cherry didn't get any honors for his playing, not even an all-league mention.

This last season he ran for 1,600 yards and scored 27 touchdowns in 11 games, with four interceptions as a defensive back.

In the first North Coast Section playoff game against American High, Cherry exploded for 275 yards on 31 carries and four touchdowns, including a 45-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage.

He also had a 225-yard performance in a crucial game against Monte Vista that brought the Jackets to their first North Coast appearance in 11 years.

Cherry was named a USA Today Super Prep All-Ameri-

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Sports Briefs

Tourney slated

The annual Greg Brown/Stephanie Stephens Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament will be held in March 1995.

The Berkeley Recreation Program Office is seeking teams that would be interested in participating in this event. The cost is \$225 per team.

Teams can play in one of the following boys or girls divisions: 12-under, 15-under, 18-under. Deadline for submitting interest is March 1.

For further details please call 644-6530, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ask for John Lee or Harold Bennett.

Baseball coaches

The City of Berkeley Recreation Department is in need of persons who wish to coach a youth baseball team, either paid or volunteer.

We are seeking applicants 21 years or older who have the skill and interest to work with youth of ages 15 years and under. Any interested person should be available for approximately 5-10 hours a week, beginning first week of June through second week of August 1995.

For further information please call 644-6530, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Baseball tryouts

Berkeley High's baseball coach Larry Gordon encourages all Berkeley High students to try out for the various baseball teams.

Try-outs for Berkeley High's freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, at 3:15 p.m. Prospective players should meet at the Berkeley High School football field.

Major leaguers Claudell Washington, Ruppert Jones, Gene Ransom, Glenn Burke, and Billy Martin all are former Berkeley High Yellowjacket baseball players.

Swim

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The team is trying to raise money again this year with a coupon that is good at all Lucky's Stores from February 13-15.

On those dates, present the coupon in its original form and at no cost to you, Lucky's Stores will donate a small percentage of your total bill to the team.

As result of their tremendous growth the team should do better this year compared to last.

The Gauchos lost two good swimmers from both their varsity boys and girls but their North Coast relays are still intact and more contenders will enter the Northern California North Coast Championship Meet this year than last.

"We'll have more people swimming in individual events up at North Coast besides just team relays," said El Cerrito varsity coach Anthony Ginn. "Both our varsity girls and boys, while not huge in number, will make their waves felt in certain events."

One of those people making their presence felt will be returning senior Vivian Lau who finished in the Top 16 at North Coast, posting a 1:00.89 in pre-preliminaries in the 100 yard backstroke.

Other possible North Coast swimmers include Pete Peters in the 500 free, Jennifer Vaughn in 100 back, Michelle Haddas in 100 free, Raymond Lam in 100 back and Tia Shimada in both 100 fly and 100 free.

"Everyone is definitely excited and psyched," said Ginn. "We can't wait to get the season underway. Hopefully the rest of the year will be sunny."

The El Cerrito Community Center pool itself has improved while the

Gauchos have been busy growing. The pool has been resurfaced, restriped and a new, heating system has been installed so that the swimmers don't have to swim in 66 degree water. It's now much more comfortable now with 80-83 degree water and the locker rooms will also be redone soon.

One of the big goals this season for the team is to get more people, parents and friends in the stands to watch the swimmers swim in their meets.

"The kids need to know that they are supported, they need more than just a verbal good luck from mom or dad, the kids need to see mom and dad yelling and screaming and cheering them on at their meets for them to do their best," said Ginn.

The Gauchos season starts on the Monday, with their pre-season getting under way in exactly a month with a meet against St. Mary's and Holy Names on March 13.

El Cerrito swim team would like to thank all of its sponsors for making this year's team possible and encourages the community to patronize these community conscious business for their commitment of service: Wells Fargo Bank, Mechanics Bank, Coast Federal Bank, Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club, PowerFood Inc. (makers of Powerbar), Lucky's Supermarkets, Sport Street Marketing (makers of GU), Super Wok Restaurant, Golden Dynasty Restaurant, University of California at Berkeley, Copy Central in El Cerrito, Richmond Sanitary Company, D-Ball (makers of medicine balls), Joe Conwill of Tradeway Stores, Dr. Matsuishi and Mr. George Chinn.

Soccer

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of the issues that will be discussed at the meeting and coaches with teams on the bubble are sure to bring up ideas with the best possibility of their teams reaching the playoffs.

Seeding for the league playoffs is determined by a points system of two points for each win and one point for each tie. In case of two or more teams tying on the point scale system the league has a tie-breaker system in place.

The top six teams from both boys' and girls' leagues would make the ACCAL playoffs with the top two teams getting a bye in the first round scheduled for Tuesday.

In the first round the No. 3 seed would play the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed would face No. 5 seed. Then in the semifinals the No. 1 seed would play the No. 4-5 winner and the No. 2 seed would play the No. 3-6 winner. The finals would determine an overall league champion and help a team in North Coast Section seeding.

The ACCAL gets four automatic berths for boys' and girls (eight teams in all) into the North Coast Section playoffs, which means all the semifinalists in the ACCAL playoffs would advance to NCS.

That gives the top two league teams automatic berths to NCS even before the ACCAL playoffs begin, rewarding the teams that did best during the regular season.

It also makes the opening round of the league playoffs the most important for the other teams that want to continue in the post-season.

The opening round will be more like a championship game for those teams in a win-you're-in situation as far as North Coast is concerned.

This week it is the most important for teams to get in as many games as possible and hope for wins or ties to increase status in league standings.

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can as a defensive back and he was named to the all-state team at the same position.

He also took home all-league honors at both running back and defensive back.

Colorado is recruiting Cherry as a defensive back and kick returner.

"J'Juan was a good player, but he became a great player when he made the decision to be the best J'Juan," said Berkeley assistant coach John Gradwohl.

Cherry said the inner change came in the middle of the 1994 season when he saw that head coach Mike Tuiasosopo was serious about making this a championship-type team.

"At the midpoint of the season last year I saw what coach T was doing,

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Lucky

Albany

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our team and El Cerrito have come. We dominated the game and should have won."

El Cerrito coach Robert Sackey said before the season that this was the most important game for his team, although beating Piedmont after being humiliated by the Highlanders last year was another highlight.

"It's much better and I think they were surprised," said Sackey of the level of play in the Albany game. "They came here to kick our butts. I knew we were going to beat them because we had to."

Gaucha right forward Jana Starkweather scored the only goal in the first half on a header off a free kick for the 1-0 lead. In the second half left forward Katrina Vrooman saw an opening and took it, blasting a

left-footed shot that beat Albany backup goalie Marisol Brito.

Brito, normally a halfback, had a good game filling in for the two missing Cougar keepers Miki Gray and Xiaomang Ba.

Starting keeper Miki Gray is out with an ankle injury and may be back next week, while Ba was in an auto accident and is still a little shaken up.

Vrooman's goal made it 2-0 and Sackey decided to move his sweeper Tiffany Okubo up to the front in an attempt to out the game away with a third goal. That plan backfired when Vanessa Priesler put a perfect cross in front of the goal to Christina Leonard, who dished to Lindsay Watty. Watty cranked a shot into the net, cutting the lead in half at 2-1.

Sackey moved Okubo back to the sweeper position and Albany attacked hard the rest of the second half, but Gaucho keeper Katie Toro had a re-

markable night in goal making some incredible game-saving saves off hard Cougar shots.

On one attack before the goal, Priesler had a one-on-one with Toro game all the way out to the box and made a slide tackle to take away a sure goal.

Later in the game Priesler centered to Watty for a Barbara Walters shot (up-close and personal), but Toro made a diving save to stop the shot. Annie Izaki had another shot stopped by Toro that should have been a goal.

Sackey knew Izaki was Albany's dominant player, so he sent defender Wen-Yee Choi to stick to Izaki and get in her way as much as possible.

"She's very confident about herself," said Sackey of Izaki. "She is faster than last year and can bring the ball up the field. Wen-Yee is small, but she cannot be intimidated."

Where They Stand

This is the last full week of play for all the ACCAL teams, although they might play next Monday as well.

Monday night the league coaches meet to decide how the playoffs will work and if it goes like the league is saying Albany will probably be left out.

Albany fell to 3-1-1 and the Cougars have at most four games to play before the deadline. The Cougars were scheduled to face Alameda, Salesian,

Bishop O'Dowd and O'Dowd and Alameda are powerhouse teams and Skyline is strong squad.

The Cougars have seen and will need to win more games to be considered. It is taking the best 10 games played and throwing out the decide playoff seeding. So with more games have an

"Our field was unplayable. We are going to be penalized by Martinez of the playoff system. El Cerrito climbed to 4-1 beating Albany and getting against Skyline, putting the in good position for a league spot with nine points and left.

In the Skyline game O'Dowd was the only team to beat the left wing and chipper a 1-0 lead in the first half tied it up with five minutes game when a Titan cross was a miscommunication at mouth resulted in a goal off player.

El Cerrito had a home game St. Joseph Wednesday and chos were home against Salesian day.

The rematch against De Saturday (12:30 p.m.) at Elementary School. The game is off the regular season Encinal Monday.

Jackets

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or break the season.

Berkeley (6-2 BVAL, 12-9 overall) came into the game tied for second with Antioch (6-2 BVAL) and both teams trailed first place De La Salle (7-1 BVAL) by a game.

The Jackets need to win the rest of their games and hope De La Salle

loses for a solid shot at winning the league and making North Coast, but Gossett isn't looking past anything but winning the remaining league games.

"One thing I'm focusing on right now is winning the next few games," said Gossett.

"I want to win the league. I want to bring the trophy home."

getting us ready for this year," said Cherry. "This year everything was intact. We knew where people would be on certain plays."

Navies sails into Colorado

Navies is expecting to play as an outside linebacker at Colorado, but he could play a number of positions with his speed and talent.

He led the team in most tackles for a loss, was second in overall tackles next to James Ragon and caused 10 fumbles as a linebacker. He also paced the team in sacks, getting five against Antioch and had one interception.

Navies thanked defensive backs coach Chris McDavid for showing him how to be a prime time line-

backer.

"Coach helped me out a lot," said Navies of McDavid. "In 11th grade I was a DB and he had a lot to do with the way I played. I knew stuff, but he perfected my technique."

Navies was named to the Bay Valley Athletic League all-league team and was among the Best of the West Top 100 high school football prospects in the West.

The right track

Navies and Cherry are teammates on the field and on the track and each is hoping to run at Colorado on the track team.

The two seniors have a chance at being a part of California State track


history this spring on the 4x400 meter relay team.

Last year the Berkeley relay team finished fifth in the state, and with the addition of St. Mary's transfer Marlon Monroe, they could break the state record.

Navies and Cherry run the 400 in 46 seconds and each runs the 200, 4x200 meter relay and 4x400 meter relay. It's no wonder they were impact players for Berkeley this season.

Tuiasosopo, in his second coach at Berkeley, wishes he had some of the other earlier to set them on the college.

"These guys alter a game. a big difference in a game Tuiasosopo of Cherry and "We'd have three or four ers who could play at a level right now had we been sooner."



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Keeping track of foreclosures

H.W. Moss
There is little doubt that being the winning bidder at a foreclosure sale can be profitable. Foreclosures are touted as one of the best-track methods of acquiring property, where discounts of up to 20 percent are common. This has turned the foreclosure arena into something of a gathering place for gurus.
But there is one aspect of the foreclosure process which rarely gets discussed until well after the

'A beneficiary can postpone the bid three times with no reason...'

followers have arrived at the mount. Turns out it is a lot harder to keep track of a specific piece of property and to be there when it is

actually put on the block than most people would believe.

The most current published information can be found in the daily listings of the Inter-City Express. But that is only as up to the minute as press day.

That's because postponements are common and should be expected. Unlike a probate which must follow a legislated timetable, rare is the property that makes it to foreclosure sale on the initial

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Judi and Chris Honore formed their business partnership, Piedmont Properties, back in 1979.

Piedmont Realtors enjoy working relationship

By Barbara Hendrickson

After years of working together as Piedmont Properties, real estate partners Chris and Judi Honore still like it. They don't divide duties; each does what the other does, leaving lots of room for crossing paths and causing conflict. But it works, they say.

Married for over 24 years, the Honores created their business partnership in 1979 after Judi, who had been working as a real estate agent for several years, found her success overwhelming. Chris left his teaching job to assist her.

"There was enough work for three people, and we had a new baby as well. We decided to work

as partners both professionally and in raising our son," says Judi.

Based in their spacious, elegant Piedmont home, Chris and Judi have a full office with all of the necessary paraphernalia. Chris explains, "All of this machinery, especially the fax machine, has revolutionized our way of doing

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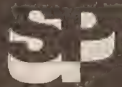
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go-around. In addition to making the process sometimes quite frustrating, the result is that serious bidders who have identified a property must keep it in their sights or it may easily slip past them.

Trouble is, there is really no way of knowing that a postponement is going to occur except to show up at the published time and place of the auction to find out. If you make a phone call the day before, you rely on the trustee knowing by then whether or not the borrower has managed to get a stay.

And you are relying on the trustee to tell the truth.

"Sometimes it is hard to get trustees to provide information about postponements," said attorney and Inter-City columnist John Beck. "There are some trustees who make no effort to provide notice of the sale other than at the time of the sale."

Any number of situations may cause the auction to be postponed.

"Usually when you get several postponements, one of three things is happening," said Jay Achenbach, president of Allied Real Estate School and author of an 18-hour continuing education course entitled "Foreclosures Step by Step."

Achenbach said that the property could be in the process of being reinstated and postponements are due to the trustee working out the details with the beneficiary.

"A beneficiary can postpone the bid three times with no reason whatsoever," observed Beck. "The fourth time it has to be republished. Allegedly there were situations where a beneficiary postponed numerous times in hopes of being the only person there and able to pick up the property for the amount of the loan."

Another reason for postponement is that new financing is being negotiated and the beneficiary is accommodating the new lender.

Or the trustors have gone into bankruptcy, usually at the last possible moment. Of course, the property could also have been redeemed.

"The good news in all of this is that if it finally goes to a trustee sale, when you have postponements, many people lose track of what is happening. For whatever reason, many people have a difficult time making the calls and keeping track of properties and their postponements," said Achenbach.

That failure by others usually results in fewer bidders, he ob-

served.

Although probably not widespread, some believe there is a lot of behind-the-scenes conniving going on with foreclosures.

After all, anybody can be a trustee for a beneficiary and trust deed services are often not located in the county where a foreclosure is scheduled.

They usually hire local professionals to handle their sales in different counties throughout the state.

Laws have been passed to discourage a process known as "chilling the bid," a generic description for anything that may be done to prevent an open and arm's length transaction.

However, chilling remains a problem in the industry.

One chilling technique is to keep postponing until there's nobody there but the person the trustee knows.

Another is for the trustee to give their favored bidder inside information. Prior to auction, a trustee asks to see money, either cash or certified checks, to learn who among the audience are serious bidders.

Most people do not like to carry large amounts of cash with them, especially to a public auction where they can be identified as a

buyer. As a result, the face amount on a check will show how high a buyer is prepared to go.

To counter this, sophisticated buyers have learned to carry several checks with them and to show only the minimum amount required to bid on one of several smaller properties coming to auction.

Thus, even if the property the buyer is most interested in is postponed, the trustee does not have the correct insider information.

It is possible for third parties to conspire not to bid and a classic example of chilling is to pay somebody off not to bid.

Both of these techniques are clearly illegal.

"I made most of my best deals by keeping track of postponed property," said Achenbach, who has bought at least 25 properties in foreclosure in California and attended probably five times that number of auctions. "It doesn't take long if you have a system."

And what is Achenbach's method? He said it can be found in his book, *Gold Mining in Foreclosure Properties*, published by John Wiley and available at most book stores.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and freelance writer.

Real Estate Mailbox

Dangers of lead in paint

Editor:

I was pleased to see such an extensive article on the upcoming disclosure requirements and the hazards of lead based paints. I did want to correct an error in paragraph two regarding the age of houses affected. EPA and HUD are proposing to require disclosure of information on lead-based paint before the sale or lease of most housing built before 1978. EPA identified 1978 as a cutoff in light of the Consumer Product Safety Commission's 1978 ban on lead in residential paint.

I would also like to add the following information:

Most children affected by lead poisoning have no obvious

symptoms, but may develop learning disabilities, behavior problems and slowed growth.

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Partners

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business, making a home-based partnership really workable."

"Time management is a big issue for us," says Chris. "We try to 'work smart' choosing which clients to work with and which to turn down. We try to stay out of situations which we deem unworkable."

"Communication is everything," says Chris, who holds a Ph.D. in education and an M.A. in psychology. "People do unexpected things for unexplained reasons. The stakes are high and emotions are intense. Working as

a team, we are able to handle a variety of different needs at things from different perspectives. It is a tremendous task."

Day-to-day work is a family trip to ski and to their success is such that many years, they can't get away from it all, they would do it again. Honores smile at each other and agree that they would.

Barbara Hendricks, owner with husband Dennis Hendricks Company, can be reached at 540-6000.

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Incredible value! A perfect family home with expanded attic. Beautiful random plank oak floors, sunny eat-in kitchen, level yard for kids, quiet tree-lined street. M.J. MCCONVILLE 339-4000

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If you've never bought a home, this charming 2 bdrm, 1 ba traditional is the one to buy. Comfortable LR w/fireplace, built-ins & bay window, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors & yard w/fruit trees & storage. Great for beginners! NAHID NASSIRI 339-4000

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- 3806 CANON. Private creekside setting! Charming 2BD w/orio, details, updated kitchen & bath w/skylight, deck overlooking creek. Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 035537

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- GREAT DUPLEX. Great income property in upper Rockridge. Good condition! Owner will clear PCRI Michael & Judy 530-4166 MLS 035440
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- WONDERFULLY URBAN TOWNHOME. Trad. details thru-out this Span. condo. 2BD/1BA, 2+ rooms. Updated kitch., FDR w/built-in. Sandi or Dick 339-1117 MLS 035309
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- OBSERVATION PLACE. 4 panoramic bay view homesites newly improved... cul-de-sac. Across from Sibley Park. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 033289, 8638
- 4.58 ACRES. Private estate, with pano bay view above Claremont Hotel. Reports available. Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 032210
- DREAM SITE! Three clustered bay view lots on Montclair's wooded Thorndale Drive. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 034021
- DO YOU KNOW ELVERTON DR.? You should if you are a bldr, ownr bldr or land investor! Bay view dwisp w/plans, survey, all utils. at street. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 034021
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Annual survey reveals most, least affordable cities to live



\$92,125, this Fort Worth, Texas, home topped Coldwell Banker's "most affordable" list.



This same-size home in Beverly Hills was number one on the "most expensive" list at \$886,000.

COLDWELL BANKER SURVEY

The top 10 most affordable U.S. markets are:

City	Price
Fort Worth, Texas	\$ 92,125
Syracuse, New York	\$101,725
Corpus Christi, Texas	\$103,125
Pensacola, Fla.	\$104,666
Tulsa, Okla.	\$106,350
Grand Prairie, Texas	\$107,162
Oklahoma City, Okla.	\$108,750
Fort Smith, Ark.	\$110,450
Arlington, Texas	\$110,875
Springfield, Mo.	\$111,334

The top 10 most expensive markets are:

City	Price
Beverly Hills, Calif.	\$886,000
Greenwich, Conn.	\$575,000
San Francisco, Calif.	\$566,000
Honolulu, Hawaii	\$556,333
Newport Beach, Calif.	\$541,667
San Mateo, Calif.	\$525,000
La Jolla, Calif.	\$483,000
Southern Westchester, N.Y.	\$458,833
Palos Verdes, Calif.	\$442,000
Somerset, N.J.	\$438,700

A 2,200 square-foot home can be purchased in the U.S. for as little as \$92,125 in Fort Worth, Texas, or as much as \$886,000 for a similar home in Beverly Hills, Calif., according to the "Home Price Comparison Index" released by Coldwell Banker Corporation.

Coldwell Banker surveyed more than 280 of its offices during the last quarter of 1994 to determine the average sales price of a typical corporate transferee home in markets throughout North America. The 2,200 square foot "subject home" evaluated in the Home Price Comparison Index is

a single-family dwelling with four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, family room and two-car garage.

The highest-priced market, Beverly Hills, Calif., dropped from \$920,000 last year to \$886,000. The average price of all homes surveyed is \$196,334, compared with \$197,617 last year.

International home prices featured in the study include 17 markets in Canada and Puerto Rico. The cost of a 2,200 square-foot home in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was \$213,250; a similar home in Vancouver, British Columbia, the most expensive Canadian market

surveyed, could be purchased for \$255,732 (U.S. dollars).

The survey provides an index number for each market that helps consumers calculate the cost to replace their home in another location. Using the formula provided in the study, a 2,200 square foot home in Peoria, Ill., with a market value of \$145,000, would cost nearly \$530,000 in San Francisco, Calif.

"This annual study gives relocating homeowners an idea of how far their dollars will stretch," said Chandler Barton, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker.

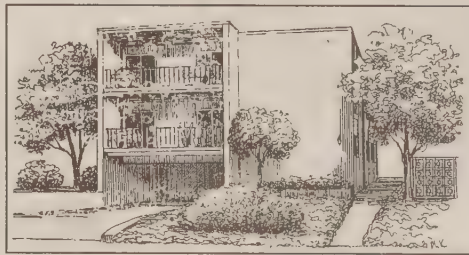
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Rustic 3BR, 2BA North Berkeley Hills home on a level lot nestled in mature Redwoods, with a Bay and San Francisco view.
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At last the smaller Claremont home. Bright, airy & conveniently located. 2+BR, 1.5BA. Level out to secluded terrace & garden.
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Flowing contemporary with 4BR, 2BA. Studios, solarium, decks, wooded garden with a secluded pavilion. Paul Templeton.
- 7079 NORFOLK ROAD.....\$649,000
3/2+ home with a panoramic bay view of San Francisco & Golden Gate Bridge.

KENSINGTON

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Stunning 4 year old contemporary in Rockridge on Tennessean Creek. Architect designed and hand crafted. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths or 2 master bedrooms, each with study and bath. \$540,000. Paul Templeton

- 819 PATTON STREET.....\$245,000
Cute Rockridge bungalow across from Chabot school. Big sunny yard.
- 6742 BANNING DRIVE.....\$259,000
Spacious & quiet 3BR, 2+BA home freshly painted with a new roof. Owner will carry a first or second loan.
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Fanciful Montclair Tudor 3BR, 1.5BA with a separate art studio on large lot.
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For those of us who may have perfect credit, the world may indeed be like an oyster. Want to buy a new car, go for an expensive dinner, take a cruise to a tropical beach? No problem! All you need to do is whip out that charge card and say the magic words, "charge it."

Even buying a home may seem no more than extension of this credit card living. Simply give your wage or employment information to your loan agent and wait a short period of time for the approval. It can sometimes be as easy as using plastic.

If your credit rating is not as good as those beautiful people who advertise on television for American Express, then the world is a very different place.

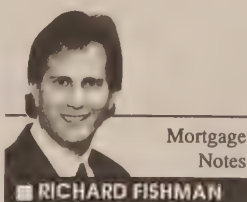
Not only can buying the simplest things be troublesome, but the whole world seems to be looking for ways to take further advantage of your troubles.

Advertisements that emphasize that a product is available for folks with bad credit often seem a prelude to some scheme on behalf of that business to charge very high prices or exorbitant finance charges.

How do you protect yourself from these schemes if you have credit difficulties?

How do you know just how bad or good your credit is?

These are the essential questions you have to answer if you are going to move on to buying or refinancing a home with less than spotless credit.



Mortgage Notes
RICHARD FISHMAN

The difference between credit categories can mean hundreds of dollars each month in your house payment.

Your credit rating

The trend in evaluating credit is to give borrowers grades of credit just like in high school or college. In this way lending institutions and other institutions that evaluate credit for lending purposes like to categorize potential borrowers from "A" to "D" credit. It is important when you shop for credit or a loan to understand each of these designations.

Straight As

First, "A" credit is pretty much what it implies. If you have "A" credit, you pay your bills on time, i.e., within 30 days. Perhaps you have missed a credit card payment or a payment on your student loan. Yet you did not miss except on rare occasions and with good reasons.

Furthermore, you definitely have no 30-day late payments on your mortgage loans. You also have no unpaid bills that have gone to collection. The IRS work-out specialist, the repo man, and the collection agency do not know your name.

If your credit is this clean, you have a right to be proud in this achievement. Again, for you the

world is your oyster. Your main concern should be that you do not overextend yourself. If you do, you might one day find yourself moving into the next category.

Bs, Cs, and Ds

"B" credit brings us already into the realm of "credit problems." This is unfortunate because those with "B" credit are also very conscientious about paying their bills.

The designation, however, implies that there is a pattern over the last few years of skipping payments, maybe even for 60 days at times.

The "B" credit borrower usually has also been over 30 days late on a mortgage payment or two over the last few years. Collection agencies and those student

loan people are probably your occasional telephone callers.

Yet overall, if you fit into this category you are not behind in your bills. You may still belong to the world where spending on credit is as easy as can be. If you slide into the next category, however, that would change.

The "C" credit category is really where things start to get onerous. Imagine this scenario. You go to buy that new car, negotiate at all those little booths at the dealership for hours, and then you finally get to meet the "finance" guy. He smiles at you and says he has you approved for a car loan at 18 percent due to your credit. You swallow hard and look in your pocket for the anticid.

"C" credit is in fact the part of the credit scale in which borrowing becomes very difficult or just plain expensive. Yes, you may be able to buy diamonds, used cars, furniture or a home, but you may be paying for it long and hard. Here's why. "C" credit is a record of slow payments, missed payments, tax problems, collections paid and unpaid, and other evidence that your bills and you are not the most compatible.

Bankruptcies within the last two years also tell the lender a similar story. IRS liens or State Franchise Tax liens that are unpaid also fit here. So many elements can fit together to make your credit look like "C" credit that no formula can really be given. Suffice it to say, however, that

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People

Harding named top prod

Better Homes Realty is pleased to honor Michael Harding for his continuous top production in 1994 in Oakland, Montclair, Piedmont and Berkeley.

A 23-year resident of the East Bay and a graduate of Cal State Hayward, Harding began his real estate career in 1987.

"Integrity, resourcefulness, and a sense of humor are the qualities mentioned most often in reference to Michael," says Mark Attarha, manager of the Leimert Boulevard office where Harding works. "His savvy negotiation skills, thorough knowledge and genuine support benefit first-time buyers as well as experienced investors."

"His commitment and business acumen have earned him the respect of his peers as well."

Harding lives in Oakland with his wife Lynn and their almost 4-year-old son Brett (who can be seen on occasion touring homes with Harding).



Michael Harding

His other interests include ball, basketball, tennis. An avid movie buff, he recommends the "Lone Star" series and "Nobody's Perfect."

Free seminar on quake retrofit

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12 STAR VIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$459,000.....OLLIE HAMMER
40 SCHOONER HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$450,000.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW
1617 DAYTON.....ALAMEDA.....4BD, 2BA.....\$445,000.....KEVIN McMULLEN
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6848 AITKEN DR.....PIEDMONT PINES.....3+BD, 2+BA.....\$399,500.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI
11 HAWKS HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$389,000.....OLLIE HAMMER
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7505 SKYLINE BLVD.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2BA.....\$319,000.....VICTOR FIERRO
475 HUDSON.....ROCKRIDGE.....3+BD, 1.5BA.....\$303,000.....JUDY RANKANKAN
6312 FLORIO.....ROCKRIDGE.....2BD, 2BA.....\$289,000.....TERRY KULKA
7018 BROADWAY TERR.....MONTCLAIR.....2+BD, 1BA.....\$269,000.....JACK BRENNEMAN
60 QUAIL AVE.....BERKELEY HILLS.....2BD, 1BA.....\$269,000.....SALLY HENDRICKSON
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- PIEDMONT.....\$675,000**
Charming modern 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with spacious flowing floor plan. Gorgeous landscaping, fireplace, & hardwood floors. **Victor Fierro**
- PIEDMONT.....\$625,000**
One level home. Formal entry, vaulted ceiling, 2 fireplaces, pool & pool house. 3BD/2.5BA. **George Karsant**
- PIEDMONT.....\$569,000**
Cape Cod style with large formal rooms, sunny kitchen, level out to yard. Separate studio & bath, perfect or a home office. **George Karsant**
- SEQUOYAH BEAUTY.....\$475,000**
4,000 sq. ft. Mediterranean, carefully maintained. Curb appeal, huge living room and bath, speakeasy bar, 4BD, 3BA. **Judy Maher**
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$365,000**
Just listed - sunny traditional with large eat-in kitchen, yard, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. **Dian Hymer**
- LEONA PARK VILLA.....\$349,000**
Fabulous 3BD, 2.5BA Spanish Med style villa. Wooded canyon views, flagstone courtyard, elegant master suite. Distinctive architecture. **Sherry Benninger**
- ROCKRIDGE.....\$303,000**
Brown shingle beauty - 3+BD, 1.5BA, gourmet kitchen, wood detail & sunny yard. **Donna Debaradi**
- SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY.....\$299,000**
Attractive 3 bedroom, 2 bath with great Mt. Diablo and partial bay view. One level. Secluded setting and decks. **N. Dickey/A. Giacomelli**
- CHARMING TRADITIONAL.....\$289,000**
Rockridge-style 3BD bungalow with newer master suite addition. Updated kitchen, 2 decks, fenced yard. Lots of character! **Michael Thompson**
- MAJOR REDUCTION.....\$275,000**
Curb appeal, shaded by majestic tree. Texas sized rooms. Convenient location. See to believe! 3+bedrooms, 2+ baths. **Ruby Ng**
- SPACIOUS BUNGALOW.....\$208,500**
Convenient Rose Garden area. Lovely hardwood floors, formal dining room & updated kitchen & bath. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. **Darcy Diamantine**
- CONDO NEAR COLLEGE AVENUE.....\$159,900**
2BD, 2BA near Rockridge shops & CCAC. Clean, light unit overlooking Claremont Golf course. **Terry Kulka**
- CUTE STARTER.....\$126,000**
2BD in convenient Fruitvale district. Deep lot w/extra garden bldg. Bsm't storage & 1 car garage. **Kevin McMullen**
- CHARMING SPACIOUS CONDO.....\$79,000**
2BD, 1BA w/many great upgrades & detailing. New carpet throughout, recently repainted. **Adriana Giacomelli**

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1759 HOPKINS.....BERKELEY.....4BR/2BA.....\$359,000.....HEIDI LONG
39 HEMLOCK LANE.....MONTCLAIR.....3+BR/2BA.....\$345,000.....JOHN 4 SEPT
1915 FRANCISCO.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$299,500.....GILDA OR THE
1908 DELAWARE.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/1.5BA.....\$234,000.....NANCY RECHER
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Urban expansion strains state's water supply

Even with a six-year drought, increased water conservation efforts, the state's urban water use, particularly inland per person use, is on the rise — mainly because the population continues to grow, according to the Department of Resources' latest bulletin on urban water use.

Although there are other factors involved, the primary reason for the increase in per capita water use is population growth in the inland areas, where they use more water," says Ray Hart, chief of DWR's Statewide Planning Branch.

Per capita use in inland regions is more than 300 gallons a day, while in many coastal communities, per capita use is less than 200 gallons daily.

Figures from Bulletin 166-4 show that residential water use

rose from 54 percent in 1980 to 58 percent of total urban water use in 1990.

At the same time, the population grew from 23.8 to 30 million people.

Current urban water demands may increase more than 4.9 million acre-feet (average year) as California's population is predicted to grow to nearly 50 million in the next 30 years.

These increasing urban demands are the primary cause of projected water shortages in California.

Urban water use now comprises about 11 percent of the state's total net water use; irrigated agriculture uses 42 percent and dedicated environmental use is 45 percent.

To help better determine future urban water use, DWR and the

UC-Los Angeles developed a new water savings simulation program to model the effects of increased conservation.

The Bulletin also indicates that commercial water use increased from 14 to 17 percent, largely in response to growth in tourism and service industries such as retail, construction, transportation and communication.

Industrial and governmental water use have dropped from 14 to 8 percent and from 8 to 7 percent respectively.

The reduction in industrial use can be attributed to tighter waste discharge requirements and increased recycling within industrial facilities.

Copies of Bulletin 166-4 can be obtained by calling Publications at (916) 653-1097.

Credit

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you have recently had substantial difficulty in paying your bills and have let some go.

Now, you can probably guess where "D" credit stands. "D" credit is really somebody who has fallen on hard times with bills of all types — mortgages, credit cards, loans, taxes, etc. Again, while there is no formula that says exactly what defines "D" credit, there is an overall impression that the bills are not getting paid.

Shop around

While "A" credit people can basically walk into a bank or mortgage broker and command the best home loans, what can people with other credit grades command in the loan market? Can they borrow as much money as "A" credit folks, and what rates should they expect?

"B" credit borrowers do have a lot of choices when it comes to loans. Even with "B" credit, many lenders are willing to offer very similar terms as those with perfect credit. There are exceptions. Does your "B" credit designation seem like a short-lived experience or has it been going on for more than two years? Your explanations are important.

I have personally seen many people with "B" credit dress up their situation with a few good explanation letters. Many of my clients with "B" credit have been able to borrow at terms usually reserved for "A" credit.

Don't forget, the people who

make decisions are human and they understand short-term situations that can happen to anyone in our society. These situations include medical problems, divorce, temporary unemployment, and past business problems for the self-employed.

Few people are able to go through life with some financial difficulties. Try to document your situation with explanation letters that address each one of your credit blemishes individually. If your credit has improved since your difficulties have passed, then you will have the greatest chance of improving your credit standard.

Of course, if "B" credit is a lifestyle choice for you, then it will be hard to explain your credit derogations. You will find the doors of the major "A" lenders shut to you, but you will probably be able to borrow for a home loan from one of a very long list of lenders who specialize in loans for your credit type.

There is an extremely important point to be made! Even a person with "B" credit must shop for the best rates or find a mortgage broker who will do it for them. The disparity among "B" lending institutions is much greater than for any kind of loan.

In every way lenders differ in what they offer and what the loan will cost when it comes to "B" credit. Can you obtain an 80 or 90 percent loan? You must shop! Will the loan be fixed or adjustable? You must shop! Will the points be few or many? Will there be pre-

payment penalties? Again, shop around.

Furthermore, if you have "B" credit, make sure the lender is trying to give you its best rate for your credit category. So many lenders try to sell "B" credit borrowers into "C" or even "D" credit rates. That's not right, but it's not illegal and it's surely profitable for them.

You may have to fight with good explanations with your loan officer, but the difference between various credit categories can mean hundreds of dollars each month in your house payment. Just because your credit is not perfect should not mean you need to be talked into an inferior loan.

The same applies for those with "C" or "D" credit. You also may have a good reason for your credit difficulties. While there is no possibility that you will be given "A" credit rates, you may find that for some lenders with a sympathetic ear you are closer to "B" territory than you may expect. Then the rates and programs are more reasonable.

Clean up your credit

The irony of life is that for those who are distressed, the world becomes less hospitable. Credit problems often lead people into borrowing at excessive rates and fees, which makes it more difficult to pay bills. Ironically, their credit problems are then attenuated. My recommendation continues to be to strive for the best credit record you can. If you have problems, try to put an end to them yourself or with a professional.

Work with your credit agencies to try to clear up any misunderstandings about past late payments. Settle and pay off all outstanding debt that has left you in this situation. If things are way out of control, our laws provide for legal relief, and a lawyer should be called. The sooner you show a good clean slate of credit activity, the faster you will be moving up in your credit grade. You want the highest grade because those with the best credit get the best deals.

If, however, you must borrow to buy or refinance your home, it will pay to shop for the best deal. You may also call a mortgage broker who is committed to working with you to get the best credit rating and therefore the best loan. Home ownership or a good refinancing may be more available than you think.

Richard Fishman is president of RAF Mortgage in Berkeley. He can be reached at 528-0767.

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It is lovely to work with Anet. She's so happy. She smiles and laughs and offers hugs to all her favorite people. I think she was born happy, but it probably helps that she really likes her job. It would be hard, I think, to do real estate well if it wasn't what you wanted to do. Anet does it well.

Not long ago we showed a house to a man whose wife had seen it first and wanted it. We walked through together talking about its pros and cons, then sat down to listen.

"It's a nice house," the man said. He paused. "It would work for us. I might be sorry if it sells and we haven't found anything we like better. Do you think we should make an offer?"

"Nope," Anet told him, "you shouldn't. What you've just said is that you haven't seen enough houses. There isn't any magic number, but when you've seen them, you'll be able to recognize your house. You won't have any question then about making an offer."

This is typical of Anet. She does everything she can to soothe and enlighten. She would never urge someone to do something he was not ready to do. She'd say, "It wouldn't work anyway. It's hard even when you're really dedicated. It makes a lot more sense to wait until you're really sure."

To a buyer nervous about his offer being acceptable to the seller she says, "Try not to worry. Go do something that will distract you. I'll call you the minute I know anything." Then, because she's excited and is skipping around, she adds, "Maybe I've already said



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this, but presenting offers is my favorite part of real estate! Thanks!"

Later that night she calls the buyer. "It's good news!" she says. Star sparkles seem to be falling off of her. It's hard to know whether she or the client is more excited.

To someone who is trying to understand the minutia of loans, Anet says, "This is a lot of stuff to pack into your head. Stop me if there is anything you don't understand. We can go over it and over it again." Later I hear her saying, "Wow! You got all of that! You're wonderful!"

And on another day, after the inspections have been done, she offers, "There is going to be a breather here. It will probably feel funny after all the hurrying you've been doing. But you've done great! Now relax and start packing. There will be another flurry in a couple of weeks."

Anet is a great cheering section and helper. As a client recently told me, "Working with Anet is like having a tour guide in an unfamiliar country. Just when it's unclear where to stay or when to move on, road directions and recommendations are supplied."

Buying or selling does take time and concentration. Most of our clients have full-time jobs. They can't take weeks or even days off

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Free "First-Time Home Buyer" seminars, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and PCR Financial, will be held Feb. 15, March 1, March 15

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Formal living/dining, family room with 2nd frpl, sunny & spacious rooms, fenced level back yard with brick patio. MARTHA SHIN
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$425,000**
4BR/3BA. Large remodeled kitchen. Breakfast nook. Large private yard, rumpus. Truly exceptional. CAROL COHEN
- PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$359,000**
2BR/2BA updated kitchen, level in. Bay and canyon views; Piedmont side of Montclair. NANCY DONNELLY
- OAKMORE TRADITIONAL.....\$349,000**
City view, flexible floor plan. Hardwood floors, formal dining, separate floor for teens. Termite clear. MARTHA SHIN
- MONTREY COLONIAL.....\$345,000**
Crocker Highlands 4BR/3BA with rumpus room. Walk to excellent elementary school. Needs some TLC. LYN MURRAY
- NEAR J. MILLER PARK.....\$339,000**
Any beautiful contemporary with oak floors, French doors. 2BR/2.5BA. HELEN NICHOLAS
- EXCEPTIONAL VALUE!!.....\$329,000**
Charming Montclair contemporary. Quality details, maximum privacy. Separate entrance; au-pair. MARTHA SHIN
- GIVE ME LAND, LOTS A LAND.....\$319,000**
Montclair just remodeled. Privacy on 17,400 sq ft lot. Gourmet's kitchen. Many fruit trees. HELEN NICHOLAS
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$285,000**
Easy commute from this charming 3BR on a quiet street. Huge basement plus level yard. LYN MURRAY

CONDOS

- SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEWS.....\$398,000**
Unique architecturally distinctive 3BR/3BA. Atrium, library, dark room, pool, tennis, P.U.D. CAROL COHEN
- CONVENIENCE WITH ELEGANCE!.....\$215,000**
Crocker Highlands area's unique and only condominium homes. Huge 2BR/2BA, den, pastoral setting. D. C. HODGES
- EASTERN STYLE CONDO.....\$189,000**
Truly a unique home - serene rose garden views. Formal dining room, marble fireplace, 2 master suites. CAROL COHEN
- DAZZLING LAKE VIEWS.....\$175,000**
Lakeside Drive's most prestigious, secure address! Huge 2BR/2BA all rooms face lake! 52 ft balcony. H. C. HODGES
- LUXURIOUS PENTHOUSE.....\$175,000**
Piedmont Avenue area! Two levels, 2 master suites. Fireplace, lovely hill views. CAROL COHEN
- JUST LISTED - LUXURY CONDO.....\$170,000**
City and hill views. Almost 1700 sq ft. Top floor unit in 3 unit bldg. Remodeled kitchen Large deck. CAROL COHEN
- SPACIOUS, WELL LOCATED.....\$149,000**
Near Piedmont Ave. 2BR/2BA, new kitchen, carpets & paint. Intimate 16 unit bldg, storage. HELEN NICHOLAS
- WALK TO PIEDMONT AVE.....\$137,500**
Beautifully remodeled! 2BR in one of Oakland's premier buildings. For the fussy buyer. CAROL COHEN
- SELL OR LEASE - 1608 SQ FT.....\$129,500**
Give-away price for huge 2BR/2BA full security "sky-home." Elegant hi-rise, doorman, BART D. C. HODGES

LOTS

- FABULOUS BAY & CITY VIEWS!.....\$139,000**
Just reduced! Owner may finance. Over 1/4 ac, gently sloping building site, private road. ED OR HELEN
- SUPERIOR LOCATION & VIEW!.....\$139,000**
Claremont Knolls, Bay/Mt. Tam views. Great neighborhood. Entr. two sides. Seller may carry. CARIN CAROE

INCOME

- RIDGEMONT HILLS FANTASY.....\$595,000**
Is reality for this owner/user. Huge, serene & classy 3+BR/2BA, garden, level. Rent from 4 2BR/1BA units. D.C. HODGES
- SEXY 5-UNIT BEAUTY.....\$495,000**
4th Flr French chateau. Extraordinary A+ condition! All 2BR/1BA with dining, hardwood, great. D.C. HODGES
- SOLID ROCKRIDGE INVESTMENT.....\$289,500**
Classic units in polished "easy-to-rent" triplex. Great location. Walk to all shops, transportation. STEVEN BIASATTI
- RIDGEMONT HILLS HOME "PLUS".....\$475,000**
Fabulous four includes gigantic 3BR/2BA master unit. Level-in, views, serenity. An opportunity. D.C. HODGES
- ONE OF A KIND FIXER.....\$325,000**
Front of Lake Merritt. Lots of potential. Zoned for multiple units or live in one unit, lease one. MARTHA SHIN

Area Home Sales

- ALAMEDA**
2821 Marina Dr. - \$290,000
1100 Morton St. - \$350,000
3224 Phoenix Lane - \$175,000
36 Sand Harbor Rd. - \$395,000
2101 Shoreline Dr. - \$150,000
905 Taylor Ave. - \$317,000
408 Tideway Dr. - \$311,000
- EL SOBRANTE**
4536 Canyon Rd. - \$152,000
- ALBANY**
1049 Ordway St. - \$277,000
605 Santa Fe Ave. - \$100,000
- BERKELEY**
1727 8th St. - \$155,000
2014 Acton St. - \$135,000
1736 Bancroft Way - \$150,000
1714 Blake St. - \$267,000
1460 California St. - \$289,000
2502 California St. - \$140,000
753 Contra Costa Ave. - \$418,000
1609 Delaware St. - \$225,000
1830 Francisco St. - \$200,000
1160 Grizzly Peak Blvd. - \$320,000
1389 Grizzly Peak Blvd. - \$332,500
1326 Harmon St. - \$115,000
1632 Harmon St. - \$185,000
2053 Oregon St. - \$110,000
1370 Peralta Ave. - \$240,000
2954 Russell St. - \$485,000
682 San Luis Rd. - \$750,000
2821 Shasta Rd. - \$135,000
920 Shattuck Ave. - \$450,000
- EL CERRITO**
2320 Arlington Blvd. - \$266,000
- EMERYVILLE**
4 Admiral Dr. #B324 - \$140,000
- KENSINGTON**
310 Rugby Ave. - \$305,000
- OAKLAND**
111 Agnes St. - \$250,000
5959 Balboa Dr. - \$237,500
5390 Belgrave Pl. - \$220,000
26 Blachford Ct. - \$312,000
5888 Chabot Ct. - \$339,000
6901 Chambers Dr. - \$275,000
1071 Clarendon Cres. - \$550,000
5210 Congress Ave. - \$112,500
3279 Dakota St. - \$160,000
2748 East 10th St. - \$120,000
2861 East 10th St. - \$125,000
2126 East 22nd St. - \$101,000
4705 Fairfax Ave. - \$124,000
3938 Forest Hill Ave. - \$160,500
801 Franklin St. #803 - \$163,000
6355 Girvin Dr. - \$271,500
6820 Gunn Dr. - \$256,500
4520 Harbord Dr. - \$260,000
- PIEDMONT**
123 Bonita Ave. - \$752,500
810 Highland Ave. - \$825,000
26 Monte Ave. - \$599,000
107 Sunnyside Ave. - \$335,000

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Valentine

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to do real estate, so they have to fit it in around the edges. Anet calls them, faxes to them, drops off packages in their home mail boxes.

She makes sure they have everything necessary to make their own good decisions. More than that, she makes the process as pleasurable as possible.

"Be kind to each other while you are going through this," Anet remembers to say to couples.

"Buying (or selling) a house is exciting, but it can be very stressful. You need to stop and talk about other things and just be together."

Anet is the perfect partner for me. She loves doing the parts of real estate I don't like, and she's very, very good at them. Negotiating, for instance, is not my cup of tea, but it is certainly hers. Unfailingly polite and patient, she

enjoys explaining a zillion contract parts to clients, likes working out the details, is excited about finding solutions that work for everyone. Somehow she almost always manages to make everyone feel he's a winner.

She's even good at opening sticky door locks (I'm terrible) and is an expert map reader (I always get mixed up and go the wrong way), and she can happily obsess for hours about structuring the details of a loan (difficult and boring for me).

People at the title company like her, and, I have no doubt, look forward to getting her phone calls. Roofers, glass and fireplace men, termite and building inspectors and other agents like to hear from Anet, too.

She always is so happy. She always sounds glad to be alive. She remembers everyone's name, says why she's calling and what

she needs, and gives warm thanks when she gets it.

I really am lucky, don't you think? I never have to worry that I'll have to pick up the slack. We always meet clients together, see houses together, share what each of us has learned individually. But we each have our own responsibilities, and I always know that Anet's part will be done thoroughly, on time, and with the best possible outcome.

The company is just the two of us, so whatever either of us does reflects on the other. I could not be better represented than by Anet.

Happy Valentine's Day, Anet, from your loving partner.

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PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

- 30 BEECHWOOD DR., CLAREMONT PINES - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$695,000**
Prestigious location, new construction, 3 terraces. Dee Knowland
- 8 TAURUS AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/2BA.....\$424,000**
Quiet cul-de-sac, dramatic bay view, large decks. Francis Heath
- 2 SELKIRK, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$382,500**
Gorgeous English, corner lot, privacy, park-like yard. Dee Knowland
- 25 MASONIC PLACE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2BA.....\$379,950**
All level living on cul-de-sac, lovely master suite. Thomas Wurst
- 8481 SKYLARK BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$369,000**
SF/GG views, beautifully updated contemporary, decks. Kirk Philips
- 10701 SNOWDOWN AVE., OAKLAND HILLS - 4BD/3BA.....\$369,000**
Panoramic view, adjacent to parks, complete privacy. Donna Costella
- 5081 PARKRIDGE DR., PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA.....\$329,000**
Charming 2-story Cape Cod, fam rm, level corner lot. Connie Rogers
- 12675 BROOKPARK RD, PARKRIDGE ESTATE - 3BD/2BA.....\$319,000**
All level, move-in condition, fam rm, park-like yard. Vicki Woodhead
- 104 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 2+BD/1+BA.....\$310,000**
Just listed! Charming shingle on large sunny private lot. Patty Scott
- 3626 LAKESHORE, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/1+BA.....\$299,000**
Grand home with flowing floor plan, new kit, large yard. Wyn Stephens
- 4612 REDWOOD RD, LEONA PARK VILLAS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$290,000**
Brand new townhouse villa, beaut. courtyard entry. Charlene Claybaugh
- 255 CAPRICORN, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$289,500**
Just listed! Renovated, bright, large deck, garden patio. Wendy Gardner
- 6959 SAYRE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/1+BA.....\$269,000**
Just listed! New plan, fabulous kitchen, spa, back yard. Chuck Corwin
- 3800 SILVERWOOD AVENUE, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$219,000**
Great floor plan! New front yard, private back yard. Thomas Wurst

BY APPOINTMENT

- SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN - ROCKRIDGE.....\$695,000**
Quality new construction! Bay view, 4BD/2+BA, kitchen/family rm, luxurious master suite, wonderful yard & gardens. Teri Carlisle
- BAY/CANYON VIEW - RIDGEMONT.....\$439,000**
\$350,000 assumable loan! Beautiful views, versatile floor plan, 4BD/3BA, family rm plus huge bonus rm, 3-car gar. Robyn Mohr
- VERSATILITY & CHARM - MONTCLAIR.....\$399,900**
Reduced! Spacious 5BD/4BA home, downstairs area with sep. rear entry, Rumpus w/frpl, lg deck off sunny lanai, 2-car gar. Chuck Corwin
- GREAT LOCATION - NORTH BERKELEY.....\$225,000**
Two story traditional. 3+BD/2BA, formal dining room with fireplace, nice yard. Walk to UC campus and shops. Francis Heath
- SPACIOUS ADORABLE BUNGALOW.....\$223,000**
Open floor plan! 3BD/1BA, formal dining, beautiful mahogany floors, marble frpl, huge back yard with patio. Dee Knowland
- COUNTRY CLUB/ROCKRIDGE.....\$219,000**
North bay view condo in excellent building. 2BD/2BA, move-in condition, well equipped kitchen, balcony. Joan Daniel
- SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE.....\$219,000**
New listing! Bay view, quiet cul-de-sac, eat-in kitchen, 3BD/2+BA, master suite with view, large level yard, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr
- LAUREL BROWN SHINGLE.....\$219,000**
Bright 4+BD/2BA home with room to spare. Lots of original charm, high ceilings, freshly painted, nice back yard. Martha Holstlaw

LOTS FOR SALE

- MONTCLAIR.....\$259,500**
Sensational panoramic views, 4.29 acres. Possibility of 3 building sites. Dee Dee Bonham and Francis Heath
- CLAREMONT - BERKELEY.....\$160,000**
Fabulous view, best lot in prestigious neighborhood, next to Parklands. Plans available. Wyn Stephens
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$130,000**
Expansive view from bay to Oakland Hills. Cleared downslope. Plans/survey/permit. Dee and Joe Knowland
- MONTCLAIR.....\$99,000**
Level lot in charming area of fine homes near Montclair Village. Helen Danhaki
- MONTCLAIR.....\$89,000**
Near Montclair Village, yet not on main street. Approx. 1/3 acre, upslope & level, survey/geo reports avail. Joan E. Hause
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$55,000**
Geo/survey/grading reports. Approved plans for 4BD custom home. Charlene Claybaugh
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$49,000**
Priced to sell! Geo, survey, grading reports. Plans for 2,800 sq. ft. home. Charlene Claybaugh
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$39,000**
Gentle upslope, approx 3400 sq. ft. Motivated! Bring offer! Seller may carry. Charlene Claybaugh



Splash

"KJAZ," above, is just one of Pamela Markmann's abstract watercolors on display at this evening's artist's reception at the Glenn Myles Gallery workshop located in the Strawberry Creek Design Center, Room 212, 1250 Addison St., Berkeley. Refreshments and a cappella entertainment will be provided. Hours are 7:30 - 9 p.m. For more information or to schedule a private appointment, call 526-4613.

On our minds

New contract limits buyer's option to sue

A few months back the California Association of Realtors came out with a new eight-page purchase contract. One paragraph in this contract has generated considerable controversy.

According to C.A.R., paragraph 10, "is an agreement between a buyer and a seller, in advance, on a method of resolving a dispute. The buyer promises that if the buyer is dissatisfied with or disapproves of a disclosure made about the property, the buyer will seek cancellation of the sale prior to closing and receive his/her deposit back, or decide to close the sale anyway. In either event, the buyer agrees not to pursue a lawsuit before or after the close of escrow based on the disclosure."

This paragraph seems to unnecessarily limit a buyer's choice of remedies under the guise of predictability and definitiveness.

The framers of the paragraph clearly intended to limit lawsuits after the transaction was completed

by limiting the buyer's right to sue for damages. Yet there will always be threshold questions which the courts will have to decide as to whether disclosures were adequate.

C.A.R. argues that paragraph 10 in no way limits a buyer's right to litigate undisclosed but "known" defects. The difficulty is that disclosures are not always made at the beginning of the transaction.

Disclosures are typically amended and changed during the entire course of the transaction. The C.A.R. explanation of the paragraph suggests that "the right to choose between cancellation and obtain a refund of the deposit or closing the sale represents a legitimate and reasonable choice."

Does it? It hardly would have been much help to the parties of the lawsuit which created the reason the paragraph was inserted in the contract in the first place!

Here is a synopsis of the facts. Buyers purchase a property in the Oakland hills. The property is de-

scribed by the sellers as having been designed by the architect Julia Morgan. This is an important feature for the buyers. At the title company where the buyers are signing the final closing documents, sellers present buyers with a new disclosure — Julia Morgan may not be the architect after all!

Just what are the buyers to do? It's not clear that the seller can correct the defect. Can the buyer delay for a week or two to absorb the new information? Maybe, but there may be another buyer prepared to purchase the buyer's home, movers may already be loading trucks, elaborate plans have been made. By this point in time the transaction has gained a momentum of its own. Stopping it is likely to be painful and expensive.

Early on in a transaction when a buyer discovers or is informed of a defect in a property, he or she may negotiate with the seller to have the defect corrected or he/she may withdraw with few if any negative con-



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sequences. And this happens frequently.

This is not likely to be the end of the transaction.

Which gets me to the point why would any reasonable buyer ever agree to the inclusion of this paragraph? And what agent who is representing the supposed to say about the graph?

Either the buyer strikes a paragraph and thereby creates more point of contention for the buyer and seller or the buyer becomes a trap for the uninformed.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 55 YORKSHIRE DR.**, Claremont Pines Nw 4/3, Cul-de-sac, Frplcs Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 **\$895,000**
- 139 SHERIDAN**, Elegant New Construction, 4/3, Library, Fam Rm Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 033580 **\$895,000**
- 6632 LIGGETT**, Pied Side, 2 Legal Homes On Gated 1/2 Acre Lot Owner, 339-0687 **OPEN SUNDAY 1-5** **\$859,000**
- 5851 ROMANY RD.**, Up Rockridge Elegant 5+4/2, Pool, Lg Lot JT Ward, Claire Cunningham 845-6021 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4** **\$850,000**
- 5981 GIRVIN DR.**, Pied Pines Nw Desgr Showcase, Quality Gem! Better Homes, D.C. Hodges 339-8400 **\$850,000**
- 6089 MAZUELA DR.**, New Estate Community! 4/3 The GRUBB Co., Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 **\$765,000**
- 6035 ESTATES DR.**, New 4/3, Location, Privacy The GRUBB Co., Margo Brady 482-6080 **\$749,000**
- 5410 FERNHOFF**, Skyline 4/3, 1.06 Ac, 2 Pools, 2 Fm Rms, Sauna Tabloff & Co., 339-6460 **\$749,000**
- 30 BEECHWOOD CT.**, Claremont Pines 4/3+, Nw Constr, 3 Terrcs Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 **\$695,000**
- 13509 CAMPUS**, 4/2, Custom Ridgmont Contemp, @3400 sf Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400 **\$599,000**
- 5958 BUENA VISTA**, Reduced! Rockridge Nw 5/3, Fab Bay Vw Mason McDuffie, R. Marshall 339-9290/ 869-6165 **\$569,000**
- 10008 BROADWAY TERR.**, Bright Nw Constr, 3+2, Pano Bay Vw Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 654-5161 MLS 035939 **\$549,000**
- 5944 MILES AVE.**, Rockridge Treasure, 4/2+, Library Templeton Co., Paul Templeton 652-2133 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4** **\$540,000**
- 44 STARK KNOLL PL.**, Up Rockridge 4/3, Move-in Cond, Vw The GRUBB Co., Linda E. McClain 339-0400 **\$530,000**
- 9377 SKYLINE BLVD.**, Newer Contemp, 3/2, Spacious Contemp Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174 **\$489,500**
- 6639 LONGWALK DR.**, Priced To Sell! Nw Pied Pines Constr, 4/3, Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 032428 **\$489,000**
- 13816 CAMPUS**, Ridgmont Bright 3+3, Terrific Yard! Mason McDuffie, P. Comfort 339-9290/ 869-4213 **\$465,000**
- 6940 CHARING CROSS**, Stunning 2 Yr Old, 2/2, + In-law Wells & Bennett, Beth DeAtley 658-5855 MLS 035781 **\$459,000**
- 12 STAR VIEW**, Hiller Hglds 3/3 Twnhm, Spectacular Contemp, Vw Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 **\$459,000**
- 40 SCHOONER HILL**, New Listing, Hiller Hglds 3/2, Twnhm Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174 **\$450,000**
- 9 TAURUS AVE.**, Montclair 2+2, Quiet Cul-de-sac, Dramatic Vw Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460 **\$424,000**
- 873 ROSEMOUNT**, Crocker 3/3, Lg Split-level, Charm Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 339-9596 **\$419,000**
- 6848 AITKEN DR.**, Pied Pines Archt Desgrd 3+2+, Fam Rms Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174 **\$399,500**
- 5675 CHELTON DR.**, 4/3 Pied Pines, Lvl-in Sthheart, X-Lg Lot, In-lw Atkinson & Gallinatti, Claire Johnson 530-7118 **\$395,000**
- 1326 MOUNTAIN**, Montclair Gorgeous 3+2 Crtsmn, Grt Yard Mason McDuffie, G. Millions 339-9290/ 869-4233 **\$395,000**
- 11 HAWKS HILL**, Must See! Hiller Hglds 3/2, Magnificent Vw Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 **\$389,000**
- 6085 COLTON**, Montclair 3+2 W/ Fab SF Bay View Mason McDuffie, Rex Thomas 339-9290/ 869-4245 **\$389,000**
- 2 SELKIRK**, Redwood Hts 3+2+ Gorgeous English, Park-like Yd Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 **\$382,500**
- 25 MASONIC PL.**, Up Rockridge 4/2, All Lvl, Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460 **\$379,950**
- 18 CORTEZ CT.**, 1st Open! New Listing! Montclair 4/3, Vws The GRUBB Co., Susanne Paul 339-0400 **\$379,000**
- 8481 SKYLINE BLVD.**, Montclair 3/2, SF/G Vws, Updtd Contemp Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 **\$369,000**

- 10701 SNOWDOWN AVE.**, Oak Hills 4/3, Pano Vw, Adj To Parks Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 **\$369,000**
- 3042 HOLYROOD DR.**, New Listing! Elegant Pied Pines Trad The GRUBB Co., Katherine Cooper 339-0400 **\$367,000**
- 5040 GOLDEN GATE**, Up Rockridge 3/3, Bay Vw, Eat-in Kit Mason McDuffie, N. Hinkley 428-0900/ 482-4088 **\$359,000**
- 19 BINNACLE HILL**, Hiller Hglds 2/2 Twnhse, Terrific Vws, Upgrds Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 **\$349,500**
- 5726 SHEPHERD CANYON**, Reduced! Beautiful 2+2, Wooded Better Homes, Judy Farrell 339-8400 **\$349,000**
- 2320 LEIMERT**, Up Oakmore 3+2/2 Charming Trad Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400 **\$349,000**
- 11 CHATSWORTH CT.**, Piedmont Pines 4/3, Spacious, Well-built! Mason McDuffie, Elisabeth Belle 428-0900/ 287-9099 **\$349,000**
- 39 HEMLOCK LANE**, 3+ bd/ 2 ba Coldwell Banker, John Sefton 486-1495 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4** **\$345,000**
- 1873 BRENTWOOD RD.**, Oakmore 3/2, Fam Rm, Hdwd Flrs, Charm Mason McDuffie, Mavis Delacroix 428-0900/ 658-6332 **\$340,000**
- 1972 MAGELLAN DR.**, Montclair Tudor, 3/1, Sep Art Studio Templeton Co., 652-2133 **\$340,000**
- 5081 PARKRIDGE DR.**, Parkridge Estates 3/2, 2 Story Cape Cod Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460 **\$329,000**
- 42 CHATSWORTH CT.**, 1st Open! Montclair 3+2, Nw Kitchen Mason McDuffie, G. Boomer 339-9290/ 869-4202 **\$329,000**
- 6024 BROADWAY**, Rockridge Tudor, 2+bd, Sep 1bd Apt, Must See! Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 **\$327,000**
- 1618 TRESTLE GLEN**, Crocker Spacious English, 2/1, Pvt Yard Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfellner 339-1174 **\$319,500**
- 12675 BROOKPARK RD.**, Parkridge Estates 3/2, All Lvl, Move-in Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 **\$319,000**
- 7505 SKYLINE BLVD.**, Montclair Lg 3/2, Updtd, Frpc, Grt Price! Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 **\$319,000**
- 827 MANDANA**, Trad 3/2, Nw Kit, Renovated Mstr Ste Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 MLD 035513 **\$310,000**
- 2980 HOLYROOD**, 3bd Contemp, Top Of Pied Pines Location Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256 MLS 036172 **\$310,000**
- 6106 BULLARD DR.**, 1st Open! New Listing! Pied Side, 3+3 The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 **\$309,000**
- 6669 THORNHILL DR.**, Pvt Setting, 3/2, Fam Rm, Skylights, Decks Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174 **\$305,000**
- 475 HUDSON**, Rockridge Brn Shngl, 3+1/2, Grmt Kit, Sunny Yard Coldwell Banker, Judy Runkankan 339-1174 **\$303,000**
- 6118 ASCOT**, Pied Pines 2/1+, SF Bay Vw, Large Yard Mason McDuffie, Bob Randall 339-8888/ 869-4242 **\$299,500**
- 1995 WRENN**, Oakmore 3/2 Cream Puff, Bay Vw, Like New Mason McDuffie, Lani Clarke 339-9290/ 869-4210 **\$299,500**
- 3626 LAKESHORE**, Crocker 4/1+, Grand Hm, New Kit, Lg Yd Pacific Union, Wyn Stephens 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 1855 MANZANITA**, Reduced 20K! Montclair Contemp, Vws Coldwell Banker, Dick Cohen 339-1117 MLS 033283 **\$299,000**
- 6363 DORAN DR.**, Montclair 3/2, Contemp, Like New! Better Homes, JR 339-8680 **\$299,000**
- 6448 LONGCROFT DR.**, Nw List, Charming Pied Pines Contemp 3/2 The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 6638 BANNING DR.**, 1st Open! New Listing! Montclair 4/2+ The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 1218 TRESTLE GLEN**, Crocker Medit, 3bd, Trad Detail The GRUBB Co., Judy Cain 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 4612 REDWOOD RD.**, Leona Park Villas, 3+2+, Nw Twnhse Villa Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460 **\$290,000**
- 255 CAPRICORN**, Just Listed! Montclair 3/2, Renovated, Deck Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 **\$289,500**
- 4048 LAGUNA**, Nw Listing, 4/3 City Farm, Grmt Kit, Grdns Better Homes, Rachel Balier 339-8400 **\$289,000**

- 6312 FLORIO**, Rockridge 2/2, Sun Filled, Hdwd Flrs, Grt Loc Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174 **\$289,000**
- 5918 MARDEN LN.**, Country Retreat! 3/2 + Sep 1/1 Ste Coldwell Banker, 339-1174 **\$289,000**
- 2720 CAMINO LENADA**, New Listing! 1st Open! Pied Pines 3/2 Mason McDuffie, Patsy Buhler 834-2010 **\$289,000**
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- 3826 BRIGHTON AVE.**, Glenview Beauty, 2/2, Fam Rm, Hdwd Coldwell Banker, Vicky Faulk 339-1174 **\$289,000**
- 3432 ARDLEY AVE.**, Glenview Trad, 2+1, Remod Kit, Home Office Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400 **\$289,000**
- 5656 CHABOT CT.**, Darling Starter Cottage, Lvl Rear Garden JT Ward, Gayle Tantau 845-6021 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4** **\$289,000**
- 1136 EVERETT**, Reduced! Nr Shops/ Trans, 2/1, Sun Room, FDR Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 035748 **\$289,000**
- 481 HARDY**, Rockridge 2/1 Crtsmn, Extra Sun Room, New Deck Mason McDuffie, Dave Johnson 834-2010/ 273-9808 **\$289,000**
- 446 66TH ST.**, N. Oak 2 Story/ Elmwood Border, 3/2, Frplc Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 **\$289,000**
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- 740 MANDANA BLVD.**, Crocker 3/2, Charm, Comfort, Grt Price! Mason McDuffie, Dolores Thom 834-2010/ 763-1710 **\$289,000**
- 4671 DAVENPORT**, Redwood Hts 2+2, 3 Bridge Vw, A-1! Mason McDuffie, D. Otero 339-8888/ 869-4239 **\$289,000**
- 492 STATEN #903**, 2/2, Urban Liv At Its Best! Vws, Security Mason McDuffie, Adrienne Nash 834-2010 **\$289,000**
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- 3758 SILVERWOOD**, Laurel 3+1 Beginner's Bargain, Location Better Homes, M.J. McConville 287-9583 **\$289,000**
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- 6481 BENVENUE #1**, 2 bd/ 2 ba Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Sagie 486-1495 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4** **\$289,000**
- 3871 MAGEE**, Laurel 2/1 Starter, Nw Klt/ Ba, Fresh Paint Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 482-1790 **\$289,000**
- 2911 SHEFFIELD**, 3/1, Frplc, Hdwd Flrs, Formal Din Room Winters Realty, David Alexander 530-8860 **\$289,000**

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Events

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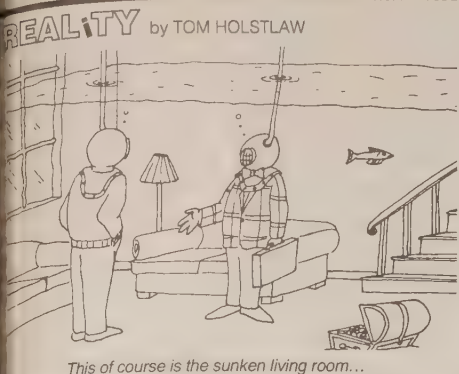
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County Waste Management Authority, is Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. - noon, behind Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. This hands-on class teaches how to compost kitchen waste using red worms. Learn to transform trash into fertilizer. Free. Kids welcome. Call 635-6275.

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1915 FRANCISCO, 3 bd/ 2 1/2 ba Coldwell Banker, Gilda or Cheryl 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 60 QUAIL AVE, Berk Hills Lovingly Cared For 2/1, Lgr Lot Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 339-1174
 2608 ASHBY, Wk Everywherel 3/2+ Crftsmn/ Heart Of Elmwood JT Ward, Julie Nachtwey 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 1908 DELAWARE, 2+ bd/ 1 1/2 ba Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichart 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 1602 JAYNES, 2 bd/ 1 ba Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 1899 HARMON ST, Tastefully Restored Duplex, 2/1 1/2 Upr/ 2/1 Lwr Templeton Co., 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 1336 NELSON, Sunny 2/3, Frml Din, Lovely Yard Mason McDuffie, Karen Davis 834-2010/ 869-4865
 1534 ASHBY AVE, 2/1, Formal Din, Frpl, Built-ins Mason McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

6850 SNOWDEN, New Listing! SF Bay View, Spacious 3 1/2 James Realty, 524-3702 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 404 VILLAGE DR, 2/1 Gardener's Delight, Weston Vige, Bay Vw Better Homes, Nick Lavro 339-8400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
 1719 JULIAN, 3+ bd/ 2 ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Eizenberg 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 745 ALBEMARLE ST, Charm Medit, 2/1, Move-in, Frpl, Dbl Grge Owner, 283-6343/ 525-7216 OPEN SATURDAY/ SUNDAY/ MONDAY 1-4
 917 NORVELL, New Listing! 3bd, Country Kit, Wk To EC Swim Ctr James Realty, 524-3702 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 7121 FAIRMOUNT AVE, 2 bd/ 1 ba Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

87 RICHARDSON RD, New Listing! Cozy 2bd + Cottage Rental JT Ward, Nancy Platford, 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4

LAFAYETTE Open Sunday

981 HAWTHORNE DR, 1st Open! New Listing! Cape Cod The GRUBB Co., Nancy Rothman 339-0400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

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2055 OAKLAND AVE, Architectural Treasure, 5/3, Beau Gardens Mason McDuffie, Carole Berger 428-0900/ 655-6571
 9 WYNGAARD AVE, St James Woods English Tudor The GRUBB Co., Susan Veit 339-0400
 104 DUDLEY AVE, 4/3 1/2, Fine Contemp, Views, Gardens Mason McDuffie, Ousterman 428-0900/ 452-6173
 111 MONTE AVE, Elegant Trad, 4+3/4, Frml Lvl To Grdn The GRUBB Co., Debra Dryden 339-0400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5
 45 ST JAMES PL, Elegant Spacious 4+3/4 Trad, Updtd, Move-in Mason McDuffie, James Garcia 339-9290/ 869-4211
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 252 RAMONA AVE, 5/3, Walk To Schools & Parks Mason McDuffie, Rose Jellison 428-0900/ 655-4965
 74 SANDRINGHAM RD, Sunny St James Wood 3/2, Bay Vw The GRUBB Co., Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400

289 ST JAMES DR, Great Value & Location! 3+, Potential The GRUBB Co., Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
 123 WILDWOOD, Inviting Trad, 3/2, Extra Space, Grge Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
 11 MANOR DR, Lovely 3+2, Nice Bkyd, Frplc, Updtd Kit Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174

RICHMOND Open Sunday

2020 SANTA CLARA, Rich Annex 2bd, Patio, Mature Trees Norm Williams Realtor, 524-2303 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
 460 40TH, 2+ bd/ 1 ba Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1496 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

13735 SCHOOL ST, 3 bd Gadsby & Associates, Larry 865-6015 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 703 CROCUS, 3 bd Gadsby & Associates, Lois 748-5313 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 2030 STAR PINE, 3 bd Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5305 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
 14378 OUTRIGGER, Seagate 3/2 1/2 Unit, Amenities Mason McDuffie, V. Moran 339-9290/ 869-4236 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
 433 E. MERLE CT, 2 bd Gadsby & Associates, Pat 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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Announcements

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203 Found

To encourage our readers to advertise Found items, The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

DOG, long reddish fur, squatty chow mix(?) Found February 1, Carson Ave. Call Kathleen 531-7530

FOUND key ring without keys on Piedmont Ave. 601-6847

YOUNG chubby, tan male dog, spaniel/collie mix. Small slender Shepherd terrier mix, female. 530-6665

CAT large male, black/grey tiger stripe tabby. January 29th, Dimond District, Oakland. 865-5029

KEYS Found Montclair Business District. Indicate date lost and specific location. 339-2482

204 Giveaway

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CAT, Ophelia, 7 years old, domestic medium hair, grey/white. 531-4651

YOUNG female, beautiful, long-haired, grey/brown, affectionate cat, spayed, to good home. Call Sarah 531-2400

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SMALL cat, tabby mix, black/white longhair female, on Cheiton Drive, January 29th. Reward 531-3674

LOST medium sized blond female dog, Alameda, February 2, medium hair, no collar, Peaches 707-428-3737

206 Personals

BERKELEY Albany woman, divorced, over 40. Low cost work assistance program. University VWCA. 519-863-6370

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Childcare Wanted • CARE Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday school, Piedmont, 8 year old boy. Non-smoker, willing to help. 655-0255.

Childcare Wanted • Children and light housekeeping. 3-7 Monday-Friday. Must have car. 653-0468.

Childcare Wanted • FOUR Children, Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m. 1217. Responsible, car required, must have experience. Light housekeeping. Excellent references. Call after 6 p.m., 835-5249.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 20, 1994. The Journal January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-7754
The Name of the Business:
The Financial Group Co., 2283 Bristlecone Dr., (P.O. Box 20083), Richmond, CA 94803.

is hereby registered by the following Owners: Rogelio Pena, 2283 Bristlecone Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

Raul G. Meza, 290 Silver Ave., San Francisco, CA 94603.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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The Name of the Business:
Automated Equipment and Instrumentation, 3535 El Portal Drive, Suite 204C, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

is hereby registered by the following Owners: Evelyn R. Barairo, 105 Sheffield, Hercules, CA 94547.

Emmanuel M. Barairo, 105 Sheffield, Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 29, 1994.

The Journal January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-7772
The Name of the Business:
C and V Towing, 2425 22nd Street, San Pablo, CA 94606.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Cesar C. Montanes, 2425 22nd Street, San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 29, 1994.

The Journal January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-7897
The Name of the Business:
The Internet Group USA, 1469 Creekside Drive, Suite 3022, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Gary Michael Schwartz, 1469 Creekside Dr., #3022, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

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